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Proud grandmother

The unveiling of the new Cody Hodgson mural honoured hard work and dedication, but it also gave credit to family such as his grandmother Barbara Hodgson-Medd. She is undoubtedly his biggest fan and has the autographed jersey to prove it.

Read the story on page 16.
Darren Lum
Staff

County adds fourth ambulance

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Haliburton County has a fourth ambulance on the ground.

Staffed 12 hours a day, the emergency vehicle will technically begin serving the county on Sept. 23, but has been running through the summer as part of the county EMS department's summer enhancement program, which helps deal with the area's increased population during the cottaging season.

Stationed at the EMS base in Haliburton Village, the ambulance is staffed 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day and will help the department deal with increasing call volumes and out-of-county transfers.

"Those are the two big ones, and just trying to keep resources here to address local needs and reduce response times," said EMS director Pat Kennedy.

The vehicle and staffing costs for the year are about \$380,000, half of which is covered by the province.

The county's portion was included in this

year's budget.

The county has two ambulances – one in Haliburton Village and one in Minden – manned 24 hours a day and another part-time vehicle stationed at the new standby base in Tory Hill which operates from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day.

"Basically it's a floater, it goes wherever the hole is," Kennedy said.

Call volumes for the summer have been about average but the number of fatalities higher than usual.

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Correction

The solar projects proposed at Highlands East council on Aug. 14 are being developed by Kyle Rees of Renewable Environmental Energy Services (REES), based out of Toronto.

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TSW warns of low lake levels

Evaporation rates have led to lower than normal water levels across the Trent-Severn Waterway, prompting Parks Canada to further lower local lakes.

“Residents should be aware that dam operations undertaken this week and planned for next week could contribute to low water levels in the Haliburton reservoir lakes,” a press release from canal operations director Roger Stanley

reads.

Environment Canada is predicting warmer than normal temperatures, which will accelerate evaporation, the press release said.

Parks Canada has a website for the public where updates on water levels can be found: www.parkscanada.ca/trent.

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A fire on Wilkinson Road in Kennisis Lake caused about \$300,000 in damage, destroying a cottage.

According to the Dysart fire chief Miles Maughan, when firefighters arrived Aug. 26 around 1:10 a.m., the building was completely engulfed in flames.

“The cause of the fire is believed to be an open fire in a cast pot on the deck,” Maughan wrote in a press release.

The fire was discovered by the property owner, Robert Witmeyer, who awoke to find the deck ablaze.

The department spent six hours extinguishing the fire. There were no injuries.

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19-year-old dies following ATV crash

Angelica Blenich, Allan Benner and Maryanne Firth

Staff/QMI Agency

Jake Hughes's life was cut short when the ATV he was driving collided with a gate on the afternoon of Aug. 20.

From Welland, the 19 year old was pronounced dead at the scene, according to police.

By the time fire trucks arrived to the accident, bystanders were performing CPR on Hughes, said Dysart fire chief Miles Maughan, who was at the scene.

The gate Hughes hit blocks off a private drive that leads down to a beach, said Maughan. There is no residence on the property.

"He was coming up from the beach and going out," said Maughan, adding it is unclear where Hughes accessed the beach area.

He was with an unidentified male passenger on the ATV, who was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Emergency Medical Services director Pat Kennedy said he believes the passenger will recover from his injuries.

"Our understanding is he was taken to the hospital for precautionary reasons," said Kennedy.

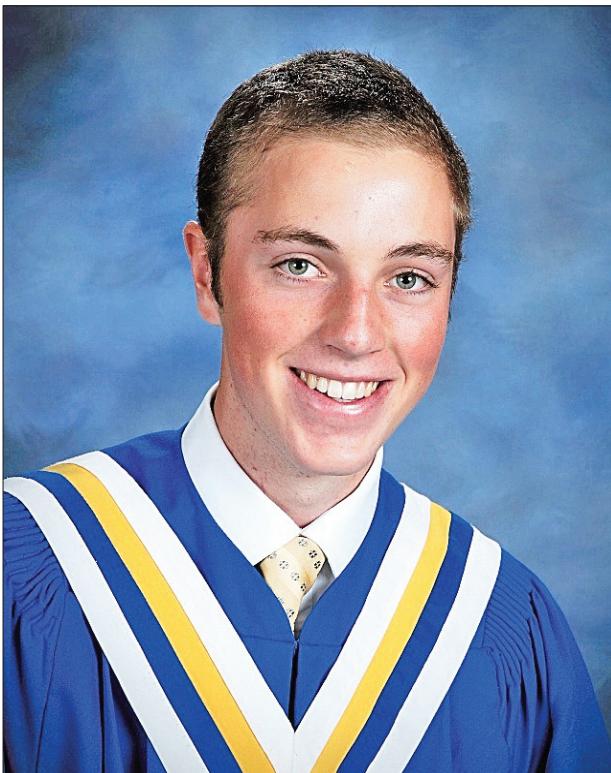
Both riders were wearing helmets at the time of the crash, Haliburton Highlands OPP acting sergeant Sandy Adams told the paper. While the cause of death is still unknown, Maughan said it was clear Hughes incurred a massive head injury.

It is still unknown if speed was a factor, said Adams.

Police are still investigating who the owner of the property where the crash occurred is. Because the accident occurred on a private drive, Hughes was not breaking any laws, according to the OPP.

"This ATV was equipped for two people. It is not lawful to ride two persons on an ATV on a roadway as defined by the Highway Traffic Act. This does not apply in this situation, as they were not on a roadway as defined by the HTA," Adams told the paper.

The accident occurred north of Haliburton near the intersection of Redkenn Road and Boice-Bradley Drive around 1:15 p.m.



19-year-old Jake Hughes from Welland was killed on Aug. 20 when the ATV he was driving crashed into a gate near Redkenn Road and Boice-Bradley Drive near Kennisis Lake. Hughes was visiting a friend's cottage in Haliburton County and was about to enter his second year of school at Brock University, where he was studying criminology. /Photo submitted

Fire, EMS and OPP responded to the scene of the accident.

An investigation by the OPP's Technical Traffic Collision Investigation Unit is ongoing. Police do not suspect alcohol was a factor.

A student about to enter his second year studying criminology at Brock University, Hughes was visiting a cottage in the county.

The son of Pearl and Sam Hughes, and brother to Leah, he dreamed of one day becoming a police officer like his dad, who is a member of the Niagara Regional Police service.

A close friend of the family, Stacey Cartmell was with the son on the day Hughes was born and saw him grow up into a fine young man.

Cartmell called the accident tragic.

"It's absolutely horrible," he said.

The family friend said Hughes's vibrant personality gained him many friends during his short life. "He was so outgoing it was incredible," he said.

Those same friends made their grief and sadness known through his Facebook page, which was filled with messages of love following the accident.

"Jake you were an awesome nephew," wrote Edmonton resident Tracey Robins on her own Facebook page.

Another message from Katelyn Risi recalled how Hughes enjoyed every moment of life and did so much for everyone.

"You have amazing friends and family, and I know you're looking down on them trying to catch every tear that falls from their precious faces," wrote Risi.

A high school football player, Hughes graduated from Notre Dame College School in 2011.

His former principal Ralph DeFazio remembered the respectful, young man fondly.

Describing Hughes as very hardworking and committed to his school, DeFazio said he will be missed by everyone and his thoughts and prayers are with the Hughes family during this difficult time.

"He was a young man who would walk the hallways greeting everyone with a candid smile."

The family could not be reached at press time. A funeral for Hughes was held this past Saturday at 11 a.m. in Welland.

This is the second ATV fatality in Haliburton County this year.

Three-year-old Hamilton resident Hunter Goemans died after the ATV his dad Jason was driving ran into a metal chain in April.

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Building a study in sustainability

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Fleming College and Abbey Gardens celebrated the near-completion of the local food organization's store along Hwy. 118 near West Guilford on Aug. 23.

The building, which will be a market for locally grown food and artisan items, is the result of a partnership between the Abbey Gardens Community Trust and the college's sustainable building design and construction program.

The project was announced in February.

Thursday's ceremony celebrated the near-completion of the building since Friday was the last day of the program for students.

"Several of them have agreed to stay to do a few of the finishing touches," said Abbey Gardens founder and philanthropist John Patterson, adding the completion of the building was still expected to require weeks' worth of work. "It takes a very dedicated effort for something like this to appear in the landscape in Haliburton County."

Patterson praised the efforts of the nearly 20 students who have worked tirelessly planning and building the structure.

"There's never been a day when the spirits weren't absolutely sky-high," he said.

Patterson thanked the project's numer-

ous contributors, including members of the Abbey Gardens board of directors and local businesses.

The Haliburton County Development Corporation, which is federally run, provided funding for the overall project and also a commercial kitchen, which is yet to be constructed at the site.

Patterson also thanked Haliburton Forest for timber used in the building's construction and the Hewitt family, who sold Abbey Gardens the land, for donating additional land for growing purposes.

He expects to see the facility grow into "something of a showpiece, we hope," that helps the area continue to be "the tremendous symbol of caring for the environment that Haliburton has already become."

Dysart et al Reeve and County Warden Murray Fearrey was present for the event and brought words of reassurance.

"We've done two [sustainable buildings] and they're still standing," he joked, making reference to the 4Cs building, also constructed by students in the program.

Fearrey also spoke to the importance of locally grown food, adding it could help create jobs.

"John's on the right track," he said. "We should be doing this locally. We don't know what we're eating half the time."

Barb Bolin, vice-president of the execu-

tive for Abbey Gardens, also took the microphone, envisioning what the facility might be like in 15 years' time.

It will a place that sells locally grown food to individuals, stores and restaurants; holds agricultural workshops "which will help us learn and relearn growing methods"; utilizes organic waste; grows year-round indoor micro-crops; embraces new kinds of agriculture; and brings people to the area.

"We envision Abbey Gardens as an agro-tourism destination," Bolin said, adding that it also had the potential to create a number of interesting jobs. "Although I didn't think this when I was growing up on a farm, I think that agricultural jobs are some of the most satisfying jobs there are."

Student Tyler Parr gave attendees an overview of the building's sustainable elements, from its straw bale and wood and chip construction (clay dug from the site was also used) to its solar tubes and the way the centre was strategically placed to maximize sunlight.

"Essentially, all the light in this building is natural light," he said.

There's also a water catchments system and a geothermal unit that draws heat from the building in the summer and stores it until it's brought back in again for use in the winter.

Parr said the other sustainable element was all the people in the room who had made the project possible.



Chad Ingram Staff

Abbey Gardens founder John Patterson addresses a large crowd at a celebration of the local food organization's new building outside West Guilford on Aug. 23.

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Ali Lam, right, of Fleming College's sustainable building design and construction course passes a ceremonial hammer to Abbey Gardens founder John Patterson at a celebration of the local food organization's new building on Aug. 23.

MNR report lower number of bear sightings this summer

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

If you've been in Haliburton this summer, chances are you haven't come across many bears.

The Ministry of Natural Resources is reporting a lower number of bear sightings in the Haliburton region, which includes Minden and Bancroft.

Stats for this year report there have been 260 bear occurrences to date in 2012, compared to 373 for the same period last year, according to the MNR.

The change is relative to whether or not natural food sources are available within a community.

"When natural food sources are poor, black bears will travel long distances to seek out alternative sources of food. There have been more sightings in areas where non-natural food sources are readily available. For example in areas where people have left pet food or household garbage out," MNR media official Audrey Tobolka told the paper.

Recent cutbacks to the government's Bearwise program

have resulted in more calls being directed towards local OPP detachments.

Haliburton Highlands acting sergeant Sandy Adams told the paper at the beginning of the summer the OPP did get a number of calls regarding nuisance bears, however, that seems to be leveling off.

"We can expect more, I suppose, towards the fall as the bears begin to forage for food prior to winter," Adams said.

Throughout Ontario there have been 3,865 bear occurrences this year, many of which are just sightings of bears and can include multiple sightings of the same bear.

Trends show the number of bear occurrences across Ontario have gone down during the past number of years.

In 2009 there were 13,000 occurrences reported by the MNR, compared to 9,888 in 2010 and 6,662 in 2011.

Statistics can always be traced back to whether or not it has been a bad natural food year, which results in an increase in occurrences, said Jolanta Kowalski, senior media relations officer for the MNR.

Nuisance bears are still an MNR responsibility and the public is encouraged to call the toll-free bear reporting line

if they come across a bear.

Operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week from April to November, the line is handled by trained MNR staff who can determine the most appropriate response and advice for managing problem bears, said Tobolka.

"The OPP will become involved if there is a public safety issue, such as the bear entering or trying to get into a house or schoolyard, bears that appear not to be afraid of humans around, or a bear who is destroying or who has destroyed property or a domestic animal. This is true for all wild animals, not just bears," Adams said.

This year the MNR stopped trapping and relocating nuisance bears, as they found it to be the least effective method of dealing with the issue.

"The practice of trapping and relocating nuisance bears was stopped this year because research shows they simply return ... Best practice for limiting nuisance bears is to limit attractants," Tobolka said.

The number for the toll-free bear reporting line is 1-866-514-2327.

Kennedy murder preliminary hearing begins

Sarah Deeth
QMI Agency

A preliminary hearing started Thursday, Aug. 16 for four men charged with the murder of 21-year-old Ryan

Kennedy.

Kennedy died following an Oct. 19 home invasion at a South Lake Road home located just east of Minden.

Nathaniel Cain, 27, Rapheal Guerra, 27, Mason Gillard-Gatza, 20, and Tin Wai Hong, 28, are each charged with murder and attempted murder.

A publication ban prohibits publishing anything said during the hearing.

Justice Lorne Chester adjourned the case to Sept. 10 in Oshawa to continue the proceeding.

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our editorial

Not about the money

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These are people who jump into their cars during whiteouts to pull people from a ditched vehicle.

They arrive at 2 a.m. to douse a fire that threatens to spread through the neighbourhood.

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But they brush that part off; it's just something they do.

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But even that doesn't matter to them.

Interviewing father and son firefighters Mike and Chris Iles, it was obvious just how much the money means: "How much do you get paid an hour?" I ask.

They look at each other and shrug.

They weren't sure. The reason they weren't sure is they don't do it for the money.

They do it because they want to, because it's part of who they are, because they love the community.

That's not just the Iles family, but all of the firefighters I spoke to this last week.

Most of them refer to the department as a "job," even though it isn't.

Unlike a job, they don't have to go to work.

But they do anyway.

And for that act of utter selflessness, we are all safer.

Thank you to the firefighters of Dysart, and all of Haliburton County.



Jenn Watt
Editor



Paddling Esson Lake

photo by Darren Lum

The gift

MY LATE FATHER-in-law, John Hopkins, left a gift for his granddaughter that she will receive for her entire life.

John was a hobby artist. He loved to paint watercolours and was very good at it. He had a special box he purchased to hold his beautiful brushes and paints. He had good supplies because he was serious about it.

When he passed away 15 years ago my husband, Jim, asked his mother if he could have the box because he knew how special it was to John.

And so the box came to our little home and has been living here with us ever since. Every once in a while Jim would get the box out and look through it and it's a little connection with his dad.

When our daughter Madeline was born, Jim continued to get the box out and he would often tell Madeline a story about her grandfather she had never met.

No one has used the supplies in the box, but over the years we've looked at them and talked about them and John. This summer, Madeline took a weeklong course at the Haliburton School of the Arts with Marg McIntyre. It was called "The Works" and the kids did everything from sketching to watercolours to acrylics and cartooning.

Madeline loved the course and the teacher and learned so much (I could write an article about the lifetime impact of having a good teacher). The art she

produced is beautiful.

I have no doubt she has a lifelong hobby ahead of her and I will be the recipient of many more beautiful cards.



Lynda Shadbolt
Tales from The Great Green Meadow

While on vacation, after the art course, I watched Madeline teach a friend of mine how to do a watercolour of a flower. It made me realize how much she had learned from Marg. She was knowledgeable, exact in the care of the brushes and paints, fun and patient and so encouraging. What she had learned had stuck.

When we came home from vacation and Madeline wanted to make a card for a friend, she and I began the process of gathering up her art supplies. They are stored in several locations in the house (under the bed, in the shelf beside the computer, under the art books in the hutch, in the "pit of yuck" in our basement).

I always get crabby trying to find everything she needs. When we finally had her paints, paper, brushes, etc., she started to make her card.

In that moment as we watched her work, it came to Jim and I that she has earned the right to inherit her grandfather's watercolour box.

She is an artist. She knows how to take care of the equipment. She knows how special the box is. And she will use it for the rest of her life.

A piece of her grandfather will be with her forever.

What a lovely gift.
Thank you John and Marg!



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points of view

Balloon

I'M THINKING the reaction was rooted in a bad childhood memory, if cats can have such things.

Maybe, at some point in the seven weeks before we met Mumbles, he had a bad run in with a party balloon. How else could you explain the abject terror in his eyes when he saw them? Or the reason why he would not come into the same room, not even for a bowl of milk?

I expect it was one of your standard kittenhood traumas – Mumbles probably spent a few minutes stalking a little red balloon thinking it was a funny-looking ball of yarn. Right up until it blew up in his face when his claws sank into it.

The truth of the matter is I don't care how this phobia developed.

All I know is that I'm having a lot of fun with it.

I don't know why I never thought of this before – after all, there really is no good reason why cats and balloons should get along anyways. Then again, there is no reason why people and balloon should either.

In fact, I can think of nothing better than the presence of balloons to punch

a hole in the argument that we are an advanced life form.

Let's face it; we go around thinking that we're so sophisticated but our celebratory gatherings are not deemed complete until we adorn the room with the nice shapes and pretty colours that the novelty balloon has been providing since 1931. Sometimes we even try to shape them into wiener dogs or hats.

I guarantee that advanced life forms on other galaxies don't do this.

Every time I see a balloon, I cannot help but think this must be the marketing coup of the century. Imagine how the inventor explained it to potential investors.

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"That's it? You nail them to a wall?"

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"Really?"

"Yes, but don't focus on that. If you blow up 15 or 20 balloons, it really spruces up a room."

"But if I understand you correctly, they're just coloured containers filled with saliva and hot, bad breath from various wheezing fathers. And they lose their shape after a day or so and are prone to exploding for no reason..."

"Trust me," he says, "people will love them."

I'm guessing it wasn't the best sales pitch ever. But still, the inventor probably persisted, insisting that the mere presence of his invention on the periphery of a room would change the mood of the party-goers substantially.

Remember, this was in the days of prohibition and they needed something.

"I'm having a hard time believing anyone would buy these," one investor probably summarized. "After all this is the Great Depression."

"They're fun, trust me," the inventor, I suspect, pleaded.

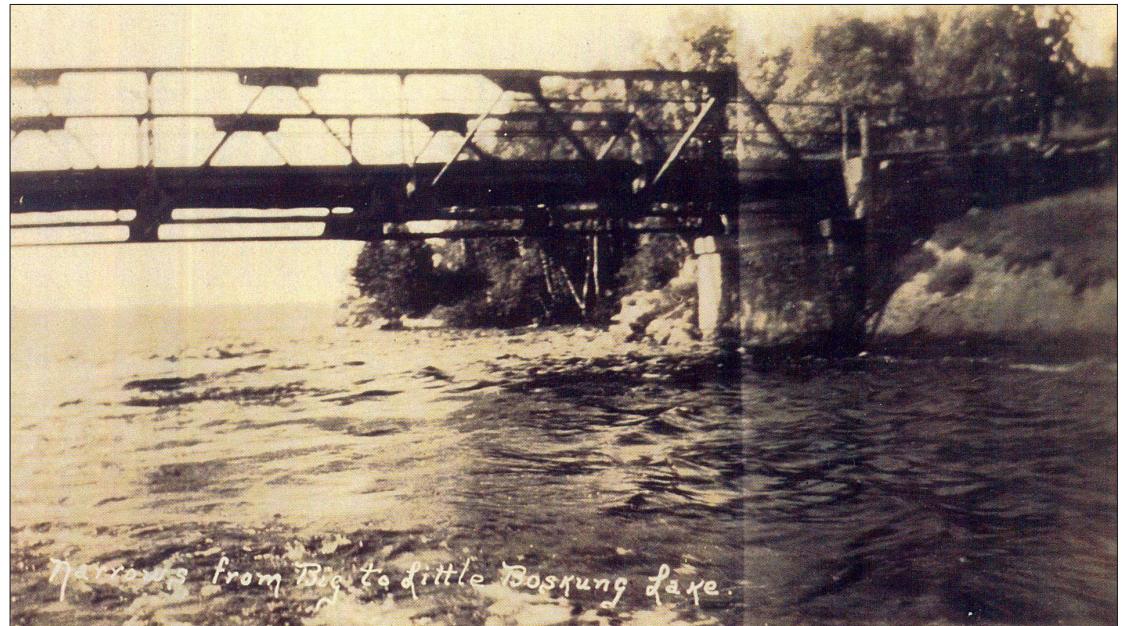
"Look, I have my doubts," another rich dude would reply.

"You did mention that they make startling explosions, after all. So, I've got an idea; why don't we test them on a kitten first? If something goes wrong, at least it can't sue us – besides I don't much like cats."

The rest is, as they say, history.



Steve Galea
Loon Tales



pic of the past

Narrows from Big to Little Boshkung 1926. The inscription on the back of this photograph says, "Catherine (Campbell) Chambers saw the last log drive here, June 3. The tents were right by the bridge. She didn't go down to them but could smell the bacon cooking for dinner." Submitted by Phyllis Waing

letters to the editor

We deal with these issues year round

To the Editor,

Thanks from the habitat and wildlife of the Burnt River for reminding readers that the variable water levels on the TSW have a significant impact on our homes and neighbourhoods too!

While we appreciate the impact of low summer water levels on our neighbours to the north and south, we think it is important for you to know that we deal with

these issues year round. Have you ever seen a wall of water dragging mature trees in March?

So far this summer has been a good one for us.

We are happy to share our homes with swimmers, floaters, kayakers and canoeists.

**Burnt River Preservation Society
Snowdon Township**

The Highlands is multi-dimensional

To the Editor,

Re: County needs marketing strategy: consultant

As I read and interpreted this article, it became clear that this meeting was a brainstorming session which welcomed ideas and tactics that could be included in a marketing plan and its subsequent implementation.

But as the session wore on, and ideas introduced, were the following questions asked: 1. Do these tactics fit with our county's strategic direction? 2. If so, how?

A marketing plan is not just a document, but rather a working document that reflects and reinforces the county's strategic plan and direction. It is critical that the county's strategic plan and pillars of strength are addressed in the marketing plan. Otherwise the two plans may end up going in different directions.

Developing a marketing plan is more than just sitting down and creating it, as suggested. Just the opposite. It takes more than one person's input. And it needs group sign-off. But it also needs credibility, time and accountability. People need to commit to the time to develop it and then others need to be responsible for implement-

ing it. There is not just one stakeholder group unless the mandate is to sell the Highlands as one dimensional. There should be many stakeholder groups (market segmentation is required) and with their input and commitment, there is more likelihood for success.

The information centre and the website are two tactics that may be employed in the final implementation. There will be many more. But to say that the exercise validated some of the methods used by the county is a misnomer. This exercise did not validate them. It just provided a venue for the attendees to say that they liked the ideas. Validation occurs much later. Tactics are fun to talk about because most people can relate to them. More will become apparent as time goes on and as technology advances. A serious and costly document is not so much fun. It takes time, thought, input and money. And someone has to be accountable for it! I believe the intention is good, however, I urge you to follow the recognized steps to completing and implementing a successful marketing initiative.

**Cathy Clark
Eagle Lake**

Rotary Car Draw winner dreamed she would win

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

She still cannot believe it.

Haliburton's Carmen Webster continued to be in disbelief about having her name drawn in the Rotary Car Draw even when she was moments away from claiming her cheque.

"I can't believe it," she said.

She decided to take the \$30,000 cash prize.

Her 1999 Plymouth Breeze, she said, is her best friend, having been with her everywhere.

She's not giving it up. Not even for a 2012 red Camaro convertible, which was the first convertible car as a top prize in the draw's history.

"My car and I have been buddies for 13 years," she said. "We're not parting for a little bit of money."

The craziest part was that she dreamed winning it and it's the first thing she has ever won. She doesn't count a "floor model" television of many years ago as much of a win.

Webster has no idea what she'll do with the money.

When her name was drawn she was actually out of town. She first heard of the win

from her son-in-law a day after the drawing.

Webster didn't believe him, as he is known to always pull a joke on her.

When she finally returned from vacation and checked her answering machine she knew it wasn't a joke. There were messages from the Rotary Club of Haliburton and the *Echo*.

Unlike other years when she buys seven tickets for her lucky number, she was left with just three to buy at the V&S Stedman's. Three has become her new favourite number, she laughed.

Out of 350 tickets, hers happened to be the lucky one, which was part of a collection belonging to Rotarian Andy Glecoff.

Rotary Club of Haliburton president and Car Draw lead Andrew Hodgson is appreciative to the ongoing support by the community.

There was 5,700 tickets sold for the draw, which helps the club contribute to local causes and organizations.

The calculations are still being made, but Hodgson estimates more than \$55,000 was raised.

With the fire ban canceling this year's fireworks, Hodgson said the fireworks money would contribute to next year's show.

He was happy with the fundraising event's results and the day's event.



Darren Lum Staff

Rotary Club of Haliburton president and lead on the Rotary Car Draw Andrew Hodgson, left, presents a \$30,000 cheque to Carmen Webster, who won this year's draw, choosing the cash over the 2012 convertible Camaro on Tuesday, Aug. 21. Rotarians Andy Glecoff, who sold her the ticket, and Andy Salvatori of Curry Motors Limited watch on.

"It was a good carnival ... the parade was bigger than the last few years. The community was very supportive. It was great thing for the week," he said.



New gear

The former Wilberforce and Area Police Volunteer Association presented the Monmouth Firefighters' Association with a cheque on Aug. 20 for the purchase of new equipment. Photo submitted



Museum receives funds

The former Wilberforce and Area Police Volunteer Association presented a cheque to the Heritage Guild/Red Cross Outpost in Wilberforce on Aug. 15. The money is to continue with the museum's operations. Photo submitted

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Sense of community fuels firefighters

Jenn Watt
Editor

It starts with a high-pitched trill.

"Haliburton base, priority four," the dispatcher calls out. Every firefighter hears it every time. And each is expected to drop what he is doing, suit up and head out.

Sometimes without knowing much about where he is going.

25 men and two women make up the Haliburton Fire Department, responding to about 250 calls a year and they do it for relatively little - \$14 an hour and community pride.

When the pager sounds, each of those firefighters hears it, because they are all on call, all day, every day.

"It's a 24-7 job. We may not respond to every job, but we listen to the pager 24-7," says volunteer firefighter Mike Iles, 50.

Iles has been on the department since 1992, like his father Joe Iles, who was once its fire chief.

His son, Chris Iles, 19, now proudly dons the weighty uniform, and Mike's wife Wendy was once a firefighter in Minden.

"I joined partly because of him [Joe] and partly because of the opportunity to volunteer, the opportunity to help the community," Mike says.

He refers to firefighting as a job, but in reality the commitment reaches far beyond that.

For 20 years, the screech of the pager has woken the Iles family from sleep, pushed them out into snowstorms and away from the dinner table to attend anything from a house fire to a traffic accident to a heart attack.

It is the nature of a rural, volunteer fire department.

"Everybody is on call," fire chief Miles Maughan, 55, says, "the only stipulation is if the person's been indulging, we ask them not to respond."

Despite the small pool of volunteers to draw from, Maughan says he is rarely short-staffed, with everyone stepping up to respond to their neighbours in need.

Firefighters are paid \$14 an hour while they are attending an emergency. Once a week, they attend two hours of training, for which they get paid \$2 an hour.

Maughan is the only full-time, paid staff.

Unlike paid fire departments, with staff taking shifts, getting good night's sleep and making a solid salary, Dysart's department runs on dedication and commitment to the job.

The money isn't a factor.

Chris Iles, who spent his whole life watching his dad rush off to calls, was eager to join the department.

As a teenager he shadowed other firefighters, eventually becoming a full-fledged member a year and a half ago.

Last year, he headed off to Peterborough for school, returning on weekends and Monday nights for training.

Still a teenager, Chris has the energy that many firefighters recall wistfully.

"I've missed Thanksgiving dinner. I've gone all night without sleep," Gord Divell, 56, says. "It gets harder as you get older."

A firefighter since 1988, he is one of the longest serving members.

When he started 24 years ago, firefighters were paid \$4 an hour.

A huge amount has changed since then - especially along the lines of health and safety and the types of emergencies firefighters are expected to respond to.

In the early days, air packs were used sparingly.

Because they had to be sent away for, firefighters would choose not to use them in situations unthinkable by today's standards. There was also less awareness of the toxins in smoke, which led many firefighters to ignore the air packs in some situations.

"When I joined, it was odd to see someone put a breath-



Haliburton's volunteer firefighters have battled some big blazes over the years, including when Emmerson Lumber's storage shed went up in flames about 10 years ago. Firefighters are on-call 24-7, one of the most committed volunteer positions in the county. **Darren Lum** Staff

Dysart volunteer firefighter
Kevin Sicard adjusts his chin strap while putting on his uniform during practice. His crew took turns tearing apart the insides of a derelict house. **Jenn Watt** Staff



ing apparatus on," says deputy-chief Don Stephenson, who started with the department in 1990.

"Now people wouldn't think of going to a fire without one on."

Firefighters weren't expected to handle much beyond the fires themselves.

Now the volunteers can be found at most medical calls, car crashes and other emergencies.

"The bar's been raised as far as what's being required," says Carl Pearson, past president of the Fire Fighters Association of Ontario.

"Now we have vehicle airbags, fuel-cell battery-powered hybrids. The technology's changed in vehicles where we have to approach from a different perspective. We don't want to take the Jaws of Life and cut through an airbag assembly," he says.

In the Dysart department, the decision to take on auto extrication was one thoroughly debated.

"They didn't think it was our job," Maughan says.

"And I remember arguing for it at the time, saying, if we don't do it, who is going to do it?" Some firefighters chose not to participate in car extrications after the decision was

made.

If a municipality chooses not to pay for a fire department, that's their call.

"There's no burden for a municipality to have a fire department *per se*," Pearson says.

The province only specifies that the local government provide public education on safety and fire prevention. It creates a dilemma for small towns with small budgets, but big expectations.

No money comes from the province to support the fire department, which is paid for through taxes and some donations.

Most do far more than the minimum.

Within Haliburton County, there are four departments, each choosing how much service to provide.

In Dysart, the department does nearly everything from water rescue to auto extrication to going into burning buildings after people.

Reeve Murray Fearrey says the decision to fully support a fire department is an easy call; people expect good emergency services for their tax dollars.

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'People ... are risking themselves for the community'

from page 10

His biggest concerns are with liability and proper training to ensure volunteers' safety.

He praises the volunteers for their dedication to Haliburton.

"People are giving up their night's sleep and risking themselves for the community and it's probably the most contribution anybody makes," he says.

In the history of the Haliburton department, there are two clear turning points: the death of firefighter Tom Chambers in 1956 at the Bank of Montreal on Highland Street, and the downtown fire of 1986, which destroyed several shops.

The first highlighted the gap in training, the second importance of equipment and planning.

It is one of Maughan's strongest memories, despite being so long ago.

"I remember when the town burned in 1986. It was a Sunday afternoon in August. It was hot. We didn't have adequate equipment to fight a fire that size," he says.

"The main thing was there was no pre-plan. We hadn't thought about where we were going to put equipment. The lake's there, that's where we're going to pump water from. But by pumping water from the lake, by the time it got to the front of Stedman's, we had garden hose type pressure."

By the end of the fire, "eight people were homeless, five businesses were destroyed and there was almost \$2 million in property loss," according to the *Haliburton Echo* published Aug. 27, 1986.

Fearrey thinks the fire's destruction probably couldn't have been averted, but says it did play one part in council's decision to buy two new trucks soon after.

With robust council support and donations from the public, Maughan says the Dysart department now has "some of the best equipment in the county."

Good equipment or not, volunteers need a deep dedication to the task, as Stephenson can attest.

One of his strongest memories of the last 22 years with the department is showing up to a house fire on Green Lake when the temperature was 25 below.

"You could stand your suit up because it was so caked with ice," Stephenson recalls.

After the fire, some of the volunteers stopped in a nearby restaurant for a coffee.

"That warm coffee was the best coffee ... it looked like mud, but it was warm."

For Divell, one of the most difficult pieces is responding to heart-wrenching tragedy.

"That's one of the hard things: watching the grief," he says.

Divell is known within the department for his ability to connect with victims at the scene. He's even received calls from victims after the fact, wanting to talk more about what



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An aerial view of downtown Haliburton in 1986. The fire was one of the sharpest memories of the last 30 years for fire chief Miles Maughan.

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happened.

Beyond all of the challenges – being constantly on-call, having to learn new techniques and technology, dealing with regular tragedy – the volunteers bring up one unanswered wish repeatedly: to know how the victim is doing.

When someone in a car crash is loaded up into the ambulance, that's usually the end of the story for the firefighters.

No follow-up is required and usually doesn't happen.

"I'd like to know if someone made it," Divell says.

Mike Iles agrees.

"One of the toughest parts is knowing you've taken someone to hospital and not knowing the outcome," he says.

All of these challenges can make the fire department a particularly hard sell to new volunteers, says Pearson.

Stephenson says Maughan has created an atmosphere that keeps team members coming back.

"It's the social side that keeps guys wanting to come back to practice week after week," he says.

When Maughan hit a quarter century with the department, the volunteers surprised him with a pin for his service at the Christmas party, organized by Stephenson.

The recognition was one of the standout moments of his career, Maughan says.

The trend across the province, and indeed in Haliburton, is an aging volunteer population.

The average age of Haliburton's group of firefighters is between 45 and 50.

It means greater effort has to be made to encourage young people to sign up, Pearson says.

"It is difficult to interest people," he says. "With that you

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have to demonstrate a reason why they want to be a volunteer and the advantages."

Those advantages are potentially life-changing: getting to know your neighbours, contributing to the greater good, doing physical work and giving back.

"We're privileged to be able to do something with a positive goal and purpose," he says.

Those are the same reasons firefighters like Miles Maughan, Mike Iles, Gord Divell and Don Stephenson have been volunteering for so long and the reason Chris Iles signed up.

"Going to a call and getting back from the hospital and the person is OK. Knowing I helped that person [makes the difference]," Chris says.



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Helium shortage in county is no gas

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Anyone who's tried to purchase helium balloons lately may have found themselves a bit deflated.

That's because of a global helium shortage leaving the gas reserved for scientific and medical purposes.

"We're out of helium and can't get it," said Debbie Johnston, owner of Minden Florist.

Johnston said it's been two weeks since she's been able to get helium and her supplier, Praxair, has said it could be at least until October before more is available.

"They're saving what's there for hospitals," Johnston

said.

She's had to turn away about half a dozen customers who've come to her shop looking for helium balloons.

Another Minden business that didn't wish to be part of the story has a sign on its door limiting families to one helium balloon each until the shortage is over.

Businesses in Haliburton Village seem to have a bit more of the precious gas remaining.

"We do have some helium left," said Joanne Nichols of Country Rose Garden Centre.

However, Nichols who also deals with Praxair, has been notified there will likely be no more coming until at least October.

Nichols said a couple of years ago there was a near short-

age, but suppliers never actually went into conservation mode.

"We do a lot of balloon sales," she said, adding that as an alternative to helium, the businesses can give balloons a floating effect using cups and sticks. "It will make a dent."

At The Dollar Store and Beyond, manager Brenda Anger said the business had not been affected yet, but she was aware of the shortage.

"I've heard of it," she said. "In the city, a lot of places are out."

Helium is a naturally occurring, non-renewable gas that is often extracted from the earth along with natural gas.

It has a number of scientific and medical purposes, such as coolant in MRI scanners.

All beaches safe for swimming, health unit says

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit reports the following beach testing results for Haliburton County.

The information is current for the week of Aug. 20, and is based on the most recent test results from the provincial lab in Peterborough for water samples taken from these beaches.

Beaches marked as "open" are considered within acceptable levels as set out in the Ontario government's beach management protocol.

Beaches marked "posted" indicate bacterial levels in the water are higher than those considered acceptable as set out in the Ontario government's beach management protocol, making them unsafe for swimming.

Beaches listed as "results unavailable" indicate test results are not yet available. People can call the health unit or visit www.hkpr.on.ca for the most up-to-date results on these beaches.

Algonquin Highlands

Doreset Parkette - open
Stanhope Beach - open
Hall's Lake Beach (Township of Stanhope) - open

Dysart et al

Eagle Lake - open
Haliburton Lake South - open
Indian Point - open

Pine Lake - open
Sandy Cove Beach - open

Highlands East

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Green thumb is the order of the season

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

A waft of basil makes it obvious life is taking on a new flavour for residents at the Maplevue complex in Wilberforce.

Although the complex as a whole is relatively new to the Community Gardening Network, a few of its residents who already grew their own produce are utilizing the new arrangement for delicious and educational results.

This past year the complex joined several other communities in Haliburton County to share in knowledge and resources in setting up a community garden.

Shari Mitchell is a single mother and loves the opportunity to grow her own food and educate her seven-year-old daughter Hannah Huffman, who has helped water and tend to the maintenance of their garden box this past year.

"It's like the old days," she said, describing a time when families worked together to put food on the table.

Her return of produce this year has been great, as she points out there were just two plants (cucumbers and peas) of close to 12 varieties planted that failed. Her successes include lettuce, Swiss chard, mint, leeks and basil.

Mitchell started three years ago but was isolated to her small backyard, along her fence.

With her parents also gardening and growing produce, Mitchell said she speaks to them about improving and increasing her yield using methods to fend off bugs.

One method was to plant leeks as an alternative to pesticides.

A few doors away, Nancy Bird, said every bit helps.

She also has a box.

The single mother of four finds great value in showing her children, who all love vegetables, the work and effort necessary to grow food.

Both of the mothers credit neighbour and gardening "guru" Erin Woods, who not only has a box, but plants on the edge of the complex property near the woods.

The complex also boasts a second garden plot with seven boxes, which is from the apartment residents.

They have produced peppers, tomatoes, broccoli and lettuce, to name a few.

There are 24 apartment units and 10 townhouses.

Megan Stong, who goes to the various locations offers assistance and facilitates communication with various groups, is with the HKPR health unit.

She said there are six other locations (Dorset, Haliburton, Minden, Stanhope, Gooderham and this one in Wilberforce) in the network, including a new one expected near the Foodland in Wilberforce.



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Maple View townhouse resident Shari Mitchell and her daughter Hannah Huffman, 7, clean up their garden box at the Maplevue Complex in Wilberforce. This complex also has a garden started by apartment residents. The two gardens include 10 garden boxes, which has produced lettuce, tomatoes, herbs, potatoes, leeks and cucumbers to name a few, and is part of the Haliburton County Community Garden Network

Inclusion in the network, which has an open dialogue with the Haliburton County Master Gardeners and the Minden and District Horticultural Society, enables a sharing of knowledge and expertise.

The health unit is taking a lead role in attaining grants.

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Municipality looking at renewable energy opportunities

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

While no plans have been officially made, the municipality of Highlands East is investigating income opportunities from renewable energy sources.

The municipality is primarily interested in the Feed-in-Tariff program, which sees land used for solar energy projects for profit, according to chief administrative officer Sharon Stoughton-Craig said.

"Maybe we could make ourselves some extra income, because the only source of revenue the municipality has is its tax base. If there was revenue out there that we could generate ... we would be interested," said Stoughton-Craig.

This interest led to the municipality hosting a public information meeting on the FIT program on Aug. 21 at the Lloyd Watson Centre.

The information session included six guest speakers, all of whom are involved in the renewable energy sector.

The companies that were present included Renewable Environment Energy Services (REES), Evergreen Power Ltd., Eclipsall Energy Corp., Certified Solar, Gilead Power Corporation and Evergreen Energy.

The speakers outlined their businesses and the benefits of the FIT program, which has been revised since Aug. 10, 2012.

Projects in the FIT 2.0 program are governed by the Ministry of the Environment and Ontario Power Authority and must adhere to strict guidelines.

Companies within the program pay the landowners a certain percentage of the revenue generated from the solar panel projects.



Angelica Blenich Staff

Members of Highlands East council and the public attended an information evening on Aug. 21 at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce to learn more about the Feed-in-Tariff program. The meeting included information from six guest speakers, representing renewable energy businesses.

"We were hoping council got a general idea of what is out there and available," said Stoughton-Craig.

The municipality does have land available for projects of this nature, however, it would have to be determined if the land is feasible for a FIT project.

"We haven't even got down to looking at any of our own land yet," said Stoughton-Craig.

Highlands East council passed a resolution at their Aug. 14 meeting in favour of solar panel projects within the municipality.

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Darren Lum Echo staff

Above, former NHLer Bernie Nicholls, left, mural honouree Cody Hodgson, former NHLer Ron Stackhouse and Hodgson's former coach Jim Winn stand together for photos under the newest addition to the Wall of Fame on the Dysart Arena. Hodgson's likeness was added to the wall that includes Matt Duchene, Nicholls and Stackhouse. Below, Buffalo Sabres centre Cody Hodgson, who grew up in Haliburton, addresses the audience, thanking everyone who has influenced or supported him.

Haliburton is where dreams come true

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

This past Sunday was a reminder of what is possible.

A swell of love, admiration and pride permeated among the approximately 100 people at the unveiling ceremony of the Cody Hodgson mural on the "Wall of Fame" at the Dysart Arena in Haliburton.

Among the many people were Hodgson's family, former Haliburton Huskies coach Jim Winn, former Haliburton Highlands Secondary School principal Gary Brohman and former NHLers Walt McKechnie, Bernie Nicholls and Ron Stackhouse.

The Buffalo Sabres centre thanked Winn, McKechnie, Nicholls and Stackhouse. He also thanked the community, including former NHLer Glen Sharpley, who answered his questions and always made sure his skates were sharpened perfectly.

Hodgson gave special credit to his family, which includes his No. 1 fan, his grandmother Barbara Hodgson-Medd, who was wearing gold fingernail polish and his team jersey, complete with his name and number 19.

"I wouldn't be here without you guys. Thank you very much," he said.

Hodgson, who started his career with the Vancouver Canucks, stressed the importance of access to former NHLers for not only advice, but also hope in making the NHL.

"Being from Haliburton, Matt [Duchene] and I have the advantage of being able to talk to NHL players and learn from them and know the dream is possible. That's really important knowing that and having that hope," he said.

At the end he thanked the artist, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey and the local municipal government for the

honour.

The mural, which was painted by Richard Vander Meer of Orillia, was the newest addition to the collection of murals depicting current NHLer Matt Duchene and former NHLers Nicholls and Stackhouse.

Winn, wearing a Haliburton Huskies hockey jersey, pointed out Hodgson will be one of the last Huskies to go up on the wall.

He said Hodgson's hard work and dedication were apparent as a child and continue as an adult. It is the reason for his accomplishments in being drafted and staying in the NHL, he added.

It was clear that having four men successfully reach the NHL was an unbelievable achievement for a community of a few thousand.

Former Canadian Football League player Mike Bradley, who played his entire seven-year career with the Edmonton Eskimos, will have a mural added in the next few weeks and have an unveiling ceremony close to Thanksgiving.

Fearrey addressed criticism about Bradley being added to the side of Dysart arena and said, "this is a wall of fame for people who have made it in professional sports."

The money for both murals was possible by the anonymous donation earlier in the year that helped to fund the repainting of the train and the fighter plane.

McKechnie, a "journeyman" in the NHL, playing for seven teams, said this wall stands as a reminder to the next generation about what is possible.

"It's a great tribute to the whole family that Cody is up there on this wall," he said.

He reminded everyone of how special it is to make the NHL.

"Cody and Matt are [two] of 750 people in the world that are playing in the National Hockey League. Do you know what an accomplishment that is? And they're from this lit-



tle community. It's just incredible," he said.

Brohman, who coached Hodgson's father, referenced an upcoming documentary, *It Must Be In The Water*, which is about Haliburton's ability to produce NHL player. He believes there is something to it, but also knows it stands for something more.

"We know the water is a metaphor. It's the grit. It's the determination," he said, referring to the hockey players and every HHSS Red Hawks athlete.

For Duchene and Hodgson, he said, their success in professional sports has been a result of hard work and their commitment.

"No one has ever drowned from their own sweat. Just hard work works," he said.

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Haliburton Forest celebrates 50th anniversary

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

If trees could talk the ones in the Haliburton Forest would have many tales to tell.

Stretched across 80,000 acres, connected by 300 kilometres of trails and roads and interlaced with 50 lakes, the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve is a property unique to Haliburton County and Canada.

One of the largest remaining privately owned forests, this year the property is celebrating its 50th anniversary under the Schleifenbaum family.

Prior to the family's purchase, the forest was owned by multiple corporations, the most recent being Weldwood of Canada, a wood manufacturing business.

In 1962 Adolf Schleifenbaum bought the land, which was in an unhealthy condition at the time, according to Dave Bishop, general manager of the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve.

From Germany, Adolf owned and operated the property from abroad, but visited the forest multiple times a year, said Peter Schleifenbaum, his son.

For Peter the forest has always been a part of his life, as they are both turning 50 this year.

During his youth Peter visited the Forest during his holidays, but didn't dream of taking it over.

"Eventually I had a change of heart and my heart is in the Forest ... I saw this as an opportunity and when my family handed over the reins to me I thought let's do this," he said.

In 1988 the Forest was passed over to Peter, who has been operating it ever since with wife Elke and their two daughters, Anna and Minna.

Peter lives on the property and meets with the staff every day, said Bishop.

An only child, Peter said there was no competition for him in taking over the business.

The past 24 years in Haliburton County have brought along many different experiences and emotions for Peter, who completed his PhD in forestry prior to moving to Canada.

About 10 years after he purchased the Forest, Adolf died tragically in a plane

crash.

Bishop, 48, first arrived at the Forest in 1991, hired on to implement and co-ordinate outdoor education programs.

The programs were successful from the start, which prompted Bishop and Peter to look at exploring other resources the Forest had.

"The first thing we looked at was wildlife. We needed to create a lure to attract people to the top part of Haliburton County ... the wolf became the lure and thus the wolf centre was born," said Bishop.

Today the wolf centre is home to 17 adults and three pups and attracts about 25,000 visitors every year, said Bishop.

Over the years the attraction has developed many different facets and features, including a popular canopy tour along the treetops, a submarine and an observatory.

"It's about taking the resources that are available and not sticking to the traditional aspects of things, it's really entrepreneurial and looking outside the box and creating all kinds of other possibilities," said Bishop.

Since Bishop was first hired on, his responsibilities have expanded vastly, taking on all the duties of a general manager since 2008.

Although successful in providing a vast array of resources and features, Haliburton Forest is still primarily focused on the original goal of getting it back to a healthy place in order to produce timber.

"So here we are, 50 years in, and because of the type of forestry we're doing the health of the forest has turned around enough that we can now take our own trees and supply our own sawmill," said Bishop.

When Adolf first took over the forest there was virtually no timber left on the property, which meant the first thing the new owner did was establish a 100-year management plan.

"The simplicity of it was to get the forest back into the health it was prior to the first saws and axes in the 1860s," said Bishop.

When Adolf started logging was costing the company money, so the Schleifenbaums looked into using other aspects of the property, which included the lakes.

Seventeen of the 50 lakes were developed and today are used for fishing and camping sites, one of the most fruitful parts of the reserve.



Peter Schleifenbaum has owned and operated the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve since 1988. Schleifenbaum took over from the previous owner, his father Adolf, who bought the forest in 1962. Over the years the property has been home to many different creatures, including this moose named Mortimer. /Photo submitted

"Today we've got 340 camping sites and a waiting list of 10 years to get in," said Bishop.

Since then, snowmobiling also became a part of the operations, with the Forest being named one of North America's top 10 places for the activity.

During the past few years, the Forest has had some of their best snowmobiling seasons, which has resulted in winter being their busiest time, according to the general manager.

Today the Forest employs about 50 full-time staff.

The sawmill has expanded in the past few years and has become a significant employer in the Highlands.

"It's all going back to creating a sustainable forest, which was really what his [Peter's] father's goal was," said Bishop.

There are 22 types of tree species within the Forest, including maple, beech and hemlock.

Recently, it has opened two retail locations, one on Highland Street in Haliburton and the other in Huntsville, where products made from Haliburton Forest wood are sold, including chairs, bowls and kitchen

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Angelica Blenich Staff

Situated in Kennisis Lake, the 80,000-acre piece of land includes 50 lakes, 300 kilometres of trails and roads and 22 types of tree species.



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Schleifenbaum family has turned property into a destination

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utensils.

"The store was opened up for two reasons: one, to sell our products, but more importantly to sell the concept of the Forest. It's amazing how many people walk in there and have no idea the Forest exists," said Bishop.

Aside from recreational and environmental purposes, the Forest has evolved into a scene for the arts, hosting an annual multi-day series of concerts, known as the Forest Festival, and home to an outdoor land art exhibit.

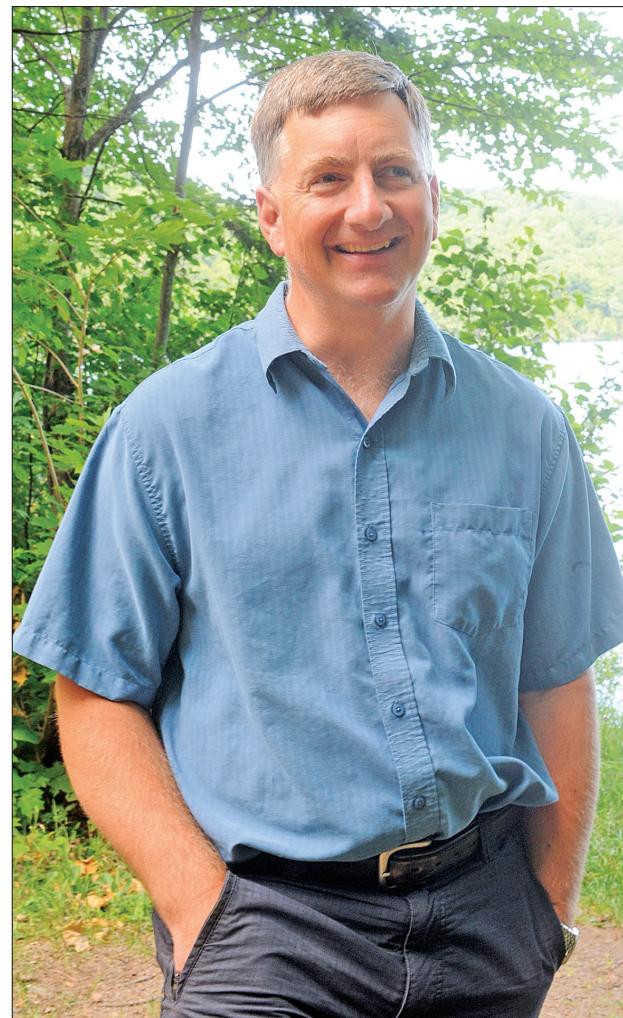
The general manager can attribute the Forest's success as a destination to a number of things, including its location, staff members and that its owner is not afraid to try new things and push the envelope.

"He's not afraid to make mistakes and push boundaries. If those boundaries weren't pushed things like the wolf centre would never have come into existence."

The next 50 years will no doubt bring a new wave of changes to the Forest, as operators are shifting their focus to renewable energy, fibre and innovation, while maintaining the programs and research currently in place.

The reins will be handed over again in the next 50 years, with Peter planning to give the Forest over to the next generation.

"We're looking at using the Forest in perpetuity for what we're using it for today. Some of those uses are consumptive uses and some are of those aren't. Some are novel uses, things that other people have never considered using a forest for and I think there are a lot of opportunities we haven't even looked at," said Peter.



Angelica Blenich Staff

Dave Bishop, 48, has worked at the Haliburton Forest since 1991, originally hired to facilitate outdoor education programming. For the past four years Bishop has served as the general manager.

To say the Forest is his life would be an understatement. Given the opportunity to go back in time, Peter said he would still decide to manage and run one of the largest privately owned forests in existence.

"Five years ago I would have probably said no but today I see a lot more opportunities ... I think the challenges need to be looked at a little bit differently and I think we need to see the forest for the trees and I think the future is going to be quite bright."

Right, owners of the Forest believe the future of the property, which includes 22 types of tree species, is bright.



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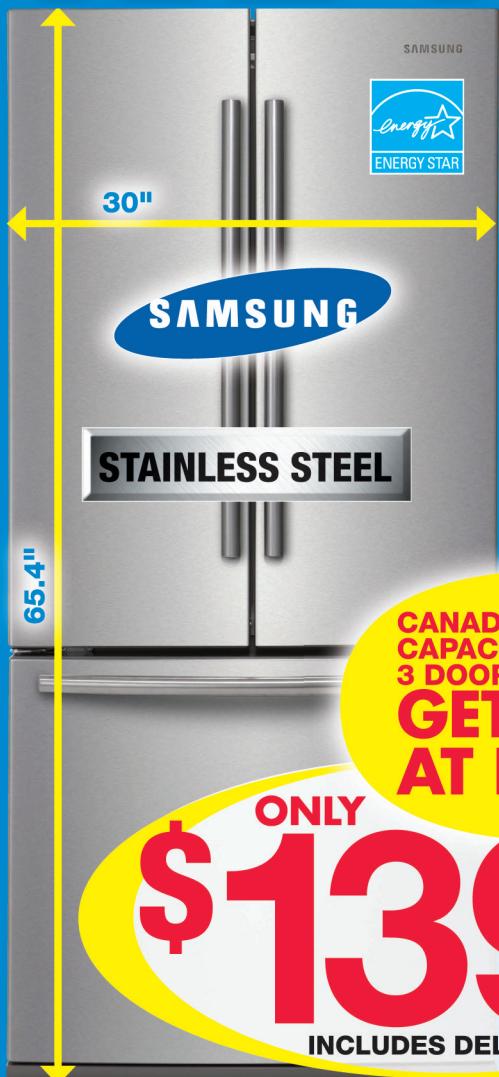
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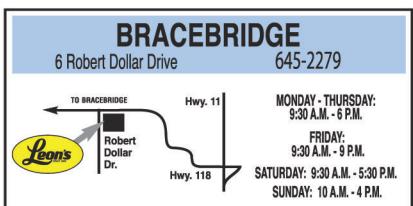
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Keeping Terry Fox's dream alive

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

It's good to remember Terry Fox, but don't forget the goals of his legendary cross-country run, said Haliburton's Terry Fox Run organizer.

Fox wanted to accomplish two things through the run: awareness and money for cancer research.

Dubbed the Marathon of Hope, the Terry Fox Run has stood as a testament to human courage, spirit and determination.

In 1980, Fox set out to run across the country on a prosthetic leg, wishing to raise \$1 for each Canadian for cancer research.

He ran close to a marathon a day for 143 days before he was forced to stop because of cancer in his lungs. He died shortly after from the cancer, but his hope to raise money and awareness lives on in the run that has been carried on with 9,000 events in 25 countries around the world.

Tose encourages people to do more than just remember Fox's accomplishment with the upcoming event in Haliburton at 12 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 16.

"What we really need to do is raise money for the cause," he said. "Terry's message was you have to continue on. I'm not going to be here anymore. We have to try and increase money for cancer research."

Tose, a retired Haliburton Highlands Secondary School teacher, took the reins of the event from his wife and long-time run organizer Aggie Tose.

Participants can run, walk or bike and will have the option to complete one lap (five kilometres) or two (10 kilometres) starting at Haliburton's town docks through a

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Darren Lum Staff

Haliburton Terry Fox Run organizer Walter Tose is trying to surpass last year's fundraising total. The run is at noon (with registration at 11:15 a.m.) Sunday, Sept. 16. There will be two distance options of five kilometres and 10 kilometres. Participants can walk, run or bike. Besides pledges, donations can be made via text at 45678 with the message: terryfox.



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The intent of the program is to provide Haliburton landowners with trees native

to Haliburton's seed zone in order to promote and support landowners' efforts to increase diversity, wildlife habitat, restore land productivity and naturalize shorelines. If you are an aggregate pit owner, and would like to rehabilitate an exhausted aggregate pit, please contact the council directly.

The tree planting program is a great opportunity to reforest and rehabilitate woodlots and restore and enhance your

shorelines. The stewardship council is also offering a shrub and shoreline naturalization component to the program for landowners with diverse planting needs. Use of trees for aesthetic landscaping purposes is not the intent of this program.

There are a limited number of trees and shrubs, which are available on a first-come-first-served basis. Native trees will be available to landowners within the County of Haliburton, based on an application

which must be submitted to the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council.

To obtain an application or for more information on the tree planting program or any other stewardship programming, please contact the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council Intern at 705-286-5205, or via email at hhsc_koc_intern@hotmail.ca or visit our website at www.ontariostewardship.org/Haliburton.

Happy planting!

Supporting the run does make a difference, says organizer

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signed route around Head Lake.

The course will be a mix of paved paths, unpaved trails and roads.

With no minimum and no entry fee, there is little excuse not to participate, Tose said.

Even for him, asking for money is difficult, but the organizer will go to all of his family and friends, as the cause is more important than personal challenges.

"If you get 10 people to give you \$10 or 10 people to give you \$20 [and] if everybody participating did that we could raise a lot more money than we have," he said.

His goal is to raise \$4,000, which is slightly higher than the \$3,500 average for the past few years, he said.

"I'd be thrilled if that [goal] was doubled," he said.

Tose adds this is not a competition of what a town raises. All of the run events contribute to the fight against cancer.

The Terry Fox Foundation, which works in support of Fox's legacy, has contributed to a number of large institutions such as the Ontario Institute for Cancer Research, the Ontario Cancer Institute and Sunnybrook Hospital to name a few.

He said 84 cents of every dollar raised

goes to cancer research.

Close to \$25 million was raised by Canada last year and more than \$600 million raised since the run started in 1980.

Besides participation, donations can be made at terryfox.org or by phone (1-888-836-9786) or text with the message "terryfox" to 45678 for a \$5 donation.

Although Tose said he's secured volunteers there is room for more.

Contact him at wtose@sympatico.ca or 705-457-4514.

This past week Tose lost a friend to cancer, who died suddenly. It was a shock and a reminder how the disease touches everyone.

"Pretty much everybody has a story to tell about being affected by someone they know whether friend or family member," he said.

He adds it was something Fox always stressed: every little bit helps.

The fight goes on, but the money raised is making a difference.

Tose said survival rates in the last 40 years for stomach cancer has gone up to 40 per cent from 15 per cent, kidney cancer is now more than 70 per cent from 40 per cent, colon rectal cancer is more than 70 per cent from 35 per cent.

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New X-ray machines coming soon

President of the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 129, Haliburton, Carla Watson, left, presents a \$10,000 donation to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation on Aug. 22 on behalf of the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Provincial Command Branches and Ladies' Auxiliaries Charitable Foundation.

Going towards the Seeing is Believing campaign for new X-ray machines, the donation was accepted by HHHSF executive director Dale Walker, far right and HHHSF chairman Peter Oyler.

To date the Royal Canadian Legion has contributed more than \$66,000 to health services in the Highlands. The X-ray machines will be installed in the fall of this year, according to Walker.

Angelica Blenich Staff

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Stewardship council future unclear

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council could be in jeopardy.

"In the last provincial budget, there was a major impact for the stewardship councils," member Paul MacInnes said last week.

Supported by the Ministry of Natural Resources, the councils, located throughout the province, develop programs aimed at teaching good land management practices and environmental responsibility.

However, it's possible the councils may lose funding from the MNR.

"The MNR and the people on the stewardship council are still trying to get the final details," MacInnes said.

The local stewardship council typically receives about \$9,500 a year from the ministry, but through volunteerism and community partnerships, is able to leverage that into what MacInnes said is sometimes \$250,000 worth of

projects.

Its tree-planting program, for example, relies on partnerships with businesses. The council is able to sell the trees – some 5,000 a year – at 25 per cent of retail costs thanks to buying in bulk from a nursery.

And, for the past few years, half the cost of the trees has been picked up by Patient News.

"The other thing is we get about half of a [MNR staff] person's time," MacInnes said, adding he believes this will be the biggest impediment to the future work of the council. "The position is still there, but there's no funding."

The MNR employee who has traditionally spent about half her time working on stewardship council projects has been working in Muskoka and other areas and while the council has been told she'll be returning in December. "I'll believe it when I see it," MacInnes said.

In the meantime, the council – which consists of about 10 members with backgrounds in everything from forestry to development to education – is trying to figure out how it might continue without the support of the MNR.

"We looked at it and said the only way we could keep this

council going without that staff support is for individual members of the council to ramp up the number of hours that they're donating," MacInnes said, adding that most members already volunteer considerable amounts of time with other organizations.

The council is also losing its chairperson, Rick Cox, who recently resigned from his job with Minden Hills township.

MacInnes said a special meeting would be held in September to talk about the future.

The council is responsible for a wide variety of programming including tree-planting, Take-A-Kid-Fishing Day and seminars.

It's involved with the children's water festival and its most recent project is the Decision Makers Information Series, which features experts speaking on a number of environmental subjects.

In September as part of the series, it will be filming presentations on shoreline restoration, septic systems and wetlands.

Farmers' market coming to Haliburton Village

Jenn Watt
Editor

After a successful summer in Carnarvon, the Haliburton County Farmers' Market is coming to Haliburton Village for the fall.

Starting Friday, Sept. 7, the market will set up at Rotary

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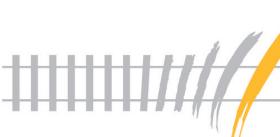
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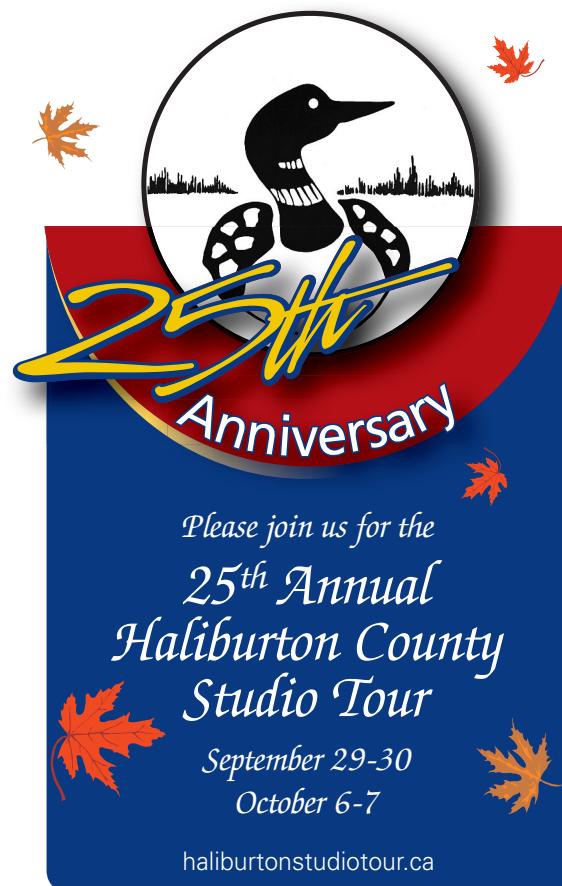
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on-a-bun served by Taylor and her husband.

The following week, Sept. 14, there will be sauerkraut making demonstrations to entice potential patrons and closer to Thanksgiving, Taylor hopes the market will include cranberries from the Muskoka area.

The county farmers' market is in its fourth year and gets stronger each season, the chairwoman points out.

"We feel really pleased. Farmers' markets have a high failure rate in their first five years. This is year four and we just think it's getting better," Taylor said.

Customers should keep in mind that the Carnarvon-based market will run until Aug. 31 (1 to 5 p.m.). The Haliburton market starts Sept. 7 with different hours – 2 to 6 p.m. – to accommodate work schedules.



Chad Ingram Staff

Different types of mint and herbs were just some of the goods for sale at the opening of the Haliburton County Farmers' Market. It will move to Haliburton starting Sept. 7.

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Families have fun at SIRCH farm tours

It was threatening rain, but that didn't dampen spirits of participant families at SIRCH's first Food is Fun Farm Tour on Aug. 14.

The inaugural tour was held at Whippoorwill Farm owned and operated by Dave and Cheryl Bathe and the home of the Halliburton Grain CSA (Community Supported Agriculture).

Local families had an opportunity to see the grain fields before harvest, learn about buckwheat and red fife wheat as alternatives to mainstream wheat, meet the tamworth pigs and attend a grain milling demo.

To top the morning off, participants enjoyed a snack of homemade red fife bread with homemade jelly and even got to take a loaf home.

"This was so much fun!" said one young participant. "Let's go on another one."

This tour was part of a series of local farm tours aimed at local families and is funded through a Healthy Communities grant from the province of Ontario.

The focus is to address some of the food security challenges in the county by connected local families with local produce.

Additionally, if children are exposed to healthy food choices at a young age, they

are more likely to integrate these choices over their lifetime.

Upcoming tours include:

- Magnificent Hills Farm in Harcourt where participants will learn about vegetable gardening in the Highlands, meet the farm animals and watch a bee and honey demonstration. Participants will try some honeycomb and pick vegetables for an early afternoon meal.

- Harvest Feast, which will happen in early October. We will be serving turkey's from a Neville farm in Minden and all the fixings will come from local farms and market gardens. The Harvest Feast has limited space so call SIRCH to book your spot by Sept. 15.

Registration is required for the tours. For information and to register, call SIRCH at 705-457-1742 and ask for Debbie or Daniela.

Submitted by SIRCH Community Services

David Bathe shows participants wheat from his farm during SIRCH's farm tours program. Centre, fellow farmer Angel Taylor, participants Evan Wheeler and Jaxson Campbell lean in for a closer look. Photo submitted



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Bob and Sylvie enjoy the sunset under the picnic shelter down at the park.
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Hike Haliburton expands multi-day event

Story by Angelica Blenich

This year marks a big birthday for the Hike Haliburton Festival and organizers got a present to celebrate the occasion. Marking its 10th year, the annual festival was the recipient of a \$15,800 Celebrate Ontario grant. The infusion of funds, along with the anniversary, have led organizers to expand the multi-day event, which will take place from Sept. 20 to the 23.

An initiative of the county, Hike Haliburton will be overseen by project manager Barrie Martin, who facilitated last year's event.

Festival plans for this year include expanding the event to include 40 guided hikes of all lengths and levels of difficulty. Hikes will be located throughout the county in each of the four municipalities, said Maria Micallef, tourism co-ordinator for Haliburton County.

"Last year we had 500 participants attend the events, the majority of which were local residents," she said.

This year the marketing strategy was to focus on bringing people from outside the county to the festival, said Micallef. To do this the festival has been lengthened by one day and a free barbecue and concert will kick-off the event on Sept. 20 in Minden.

Discounts with accommodators, restaurants and other local businesses have been established to help promote the festival and attract participants.

Funds from the grant will be going specifically to entertainment costs and enhancing the activities, said Micallef.

A headliner concert featuring Whitehorse with Luke Doucet and Melissa McClelland will be held on Sept. 21 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. On the evening of Sept. 22 a Blister Ball will be held at the Stanhope Community Centre with live music provided by the Wolfgang Brothers.

"It's a free dance for anybody, it's not just for registrants of Hike Haliburton. It's just in celebration of Hike Haliburton ... just come out and have fun, take your shoes off and dance the night away," said Micallef.

New this year is the incorporation of mystery celebrity

hikers, who will be co-leading some of the hikes, however, details are being kept top secret.

"The idea is when you're out there on any of the 40 hikes [the celebrity] will pop up at a hike and you don't know who it is. You'll know when you see them ... there will be appearances at some of the entertainment as well."

The tourism co-ordinator is looking forward to the festival, which she said has been successful since its inception.

"It just keeps building and growing ... it's a family event and about getting outside. There's something for everyone," she said.

The county will be tracking visitors through regis-

tion forms and organizers are asking people to register for hikes in advance, to ensure things run smoothly.

"This is the one that we're hoping will get that draw of people from outside the county, who will come and stay on a yearly basis," said Micallef.

Volunteers and sponsorships are still being sought out by event organizers. If interested contact Martin at 705-754-3436 or email info@yoursoutdoors.ca. Information for the Hike Haliburton Festival, including descriptions of the hikes, concerts, events and a map can be found at www.haliburtonholidays.com/fall/hikehaliburton.asp. Tickets must be picked up in advance for festival events, including the free concerts and barbecue. For more information contact the county office at 705-286-1777.

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Cottagers care about Haliburton's youth

Story by Janet Trull

Sometimes it seems like residents and cottagers inhabit separate worlds. Bryan Baker and his wife Andrea Matheson, Davis Lake cottagers, are working to change that.

"We enjoy the beauty of Haliburton Highlands," Baker says, "but we are also aware that there is a great need for community services here, where the incidence of childhood poverty is among the highest in the province."

Baker has focused his volunteer and financial support on Point in Time, a local organization that believes, "when children or youth have difficulties the whole family is affected."

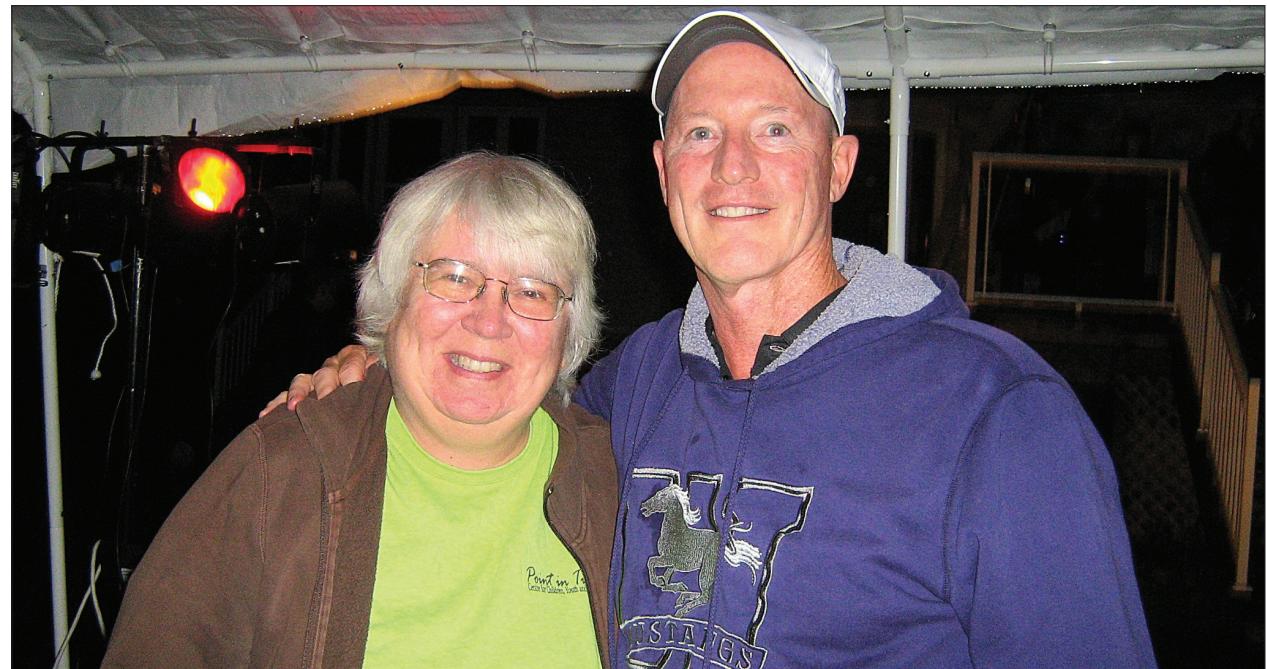
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What can one cottager do? Bryan Baker invited the Davis Lake Cottagers' Association to participate in a fundraiser at his cottage on Aug. 11. He hired a live band, the hugely popular Fiddlestix, and sent out invitations. When the dark clouds threatened to rain on the party, he tarped up an area for the band and made a last minute trip to town to buy a tent. The weather co-operated, however, and donations rolled in for Point in Time.

Marg Cox, the organization's executive director, was thrilled with the generous response of the Davis Lake cottagers and other guests. Bryan and Andrea want to issue a challenge to all cottager associations to support local organizations in the Highlands, from food banks to service groups.



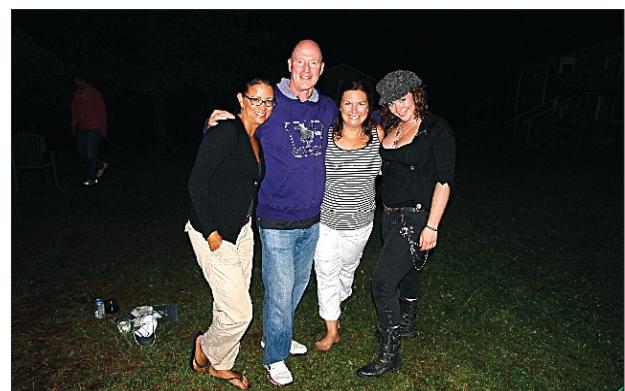
Marg Cox and Bryan Baker met up at the Point in Time Fundraiser at Baker's cottage. Photo submitted by Marg Cox

"We feel a responsibility to give back to the community where we derive so much enjoyment," Baker says.

Marg Cox also wants to thank Baker for securing a large gift for Point in Time from CIBC Wood Gundy, where he is first vice president.

The Children's Miracle Foundation made a donation of \$10,000, which will go a long way to maintain programming.

Point In Time is a charitable, not-for-profit organization. Donate financially if you can, or donate your time through volunteering. Point in Time is looking to recruit drivers and respite volunteers. For more information, check out the website: www.pointintime.ca.



Andrea Baker, Bryan Baker, Colleen Suddaby and Carl Hoffman (Fiddlestix band member). Submitted by Andrea Baker

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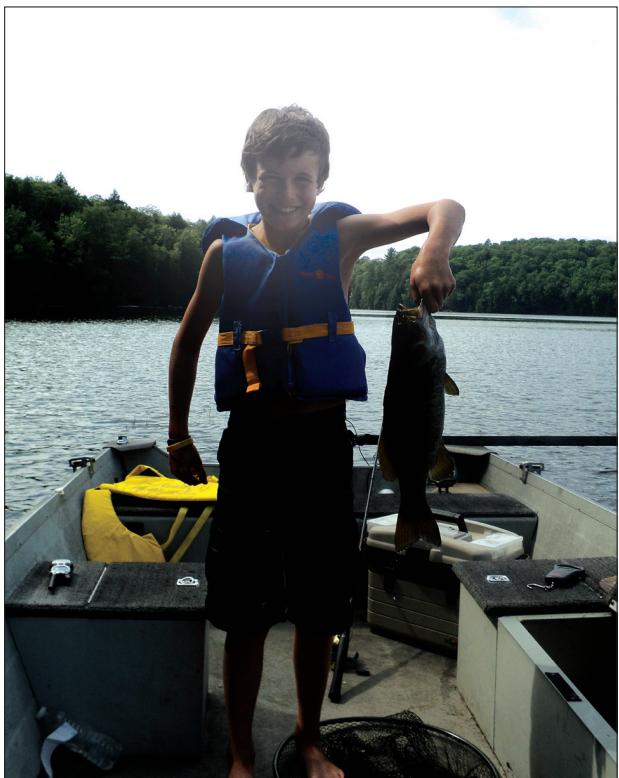
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Issac Little caught this fish on Sherborne Lake near Dorset. Submitted by Jennifer Little



Maddox Jones from Dartmouth, N.S., fishing on Pelaw River. Photo submitted by Laura Smith



Jonathan (JJ) Nussbaum caught a largemouth bass on Lake Kashagawigamog on Thursday, Aug. 2 Submitted by Brad Nussbaum

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Rally worth the trip

Story and photos by Barbara Shaw

If you're one of the many who close-up the cottage around Thanksgiving weekend consider making a change this year that includes a trip to Bancroft in late November.

While not always the nicest weather, a trip to Bancroft on Nov. 23 and 24 will give you enough excitement to stay warm for a few days.

Each November, high performance cars flood into the town for an incredibly exciting event. After racing all summer at different locations across the country, rally drivers from Canada and the U.S. hit Bancroft for the final event of the Canadian Rally Championships.

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If you're not familiar with rally, it's an interesting sport. Cars with all-wheel drive and super-charged engines race through our back roads one after another. They transition from gravel to hard top to dirt at high speeds with one driver behind the wheel and a co-driver giving directions and course notes in the passenger seat.

For those of us who drive these roads every day the event is that much more thrilling.

The cars are fast and often don't make the tight corners; ending up in pieces.

Each year there are more than 50 cars that enter but stage after gruelling stage, the numbers drop and only the best and those with lots of luck will finish.

Because of the late November race date the weather is always part of the excitement. In the past five years there have been snow events, icy-cold windy events and last year's unseasonably warm temperatures were a treat for spectators. And when it comes to spectating, many of those who return year after year are hoping for the



A car races towards the crowd of cheering spectators at the 2011 Rally of the Tall Pines in Bancroft. The warm temperature on race day made it great for those spending long hours spectating.

magical winter roads/summer ditches combination that challenges drivers and sends car after car into our rocky, dry and unforgiving ditches.

The rally runs in different stages through the Saturday and spectators are given details on where they can watch. The majority of fans end up at the Iron Bridge spectating area to hang with other enthusiasts and enjoy the live commentating. There are barbecues, chip trucks and lots of camaraderie.

The staging area and rally headquarters transforms the Dungannon Recreation Centre in L'Amable into a race fan's paradise with cars and their teams ready to interact with the public. You can wander through the teams and watch as they repair cars, swap tires and study course notes.

Food is always served out of the community centre for those needing a bite to eat or a place to have a rest.

The rally organizers started a VIP program in 2002 and it has sold-out each year. Providing transportation to viewing areas and heated spectating stages, a catered meal and access to the awards event, it's a great way to get a close look at rally.



A Subaru rounds the corner at the Iron Bridge in Bancroft. This spot gives spectators a great up-close view of the action.

Subaru Imprezas are a racing model of choice. The light, fast cars are built for these road conditions.

Tall Pines does well for a number of reasons. It's extremely interactive and participants are happy to chat with fans. The spectators are friendly and knowledgeable and the event is just plain exciting.

You don't just see the cars as they power by; you feel the sounds of their engines deep in your gut as they get closer and then as they shoot up the gravel going past the cheering fans.

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Canning Lake hosts fun day



A group of kids pass a cup full of water over and then under to the back of their line at the Canning Lake Fun Day on Aug. 4 in Ingoldsby.



Photos
by Scott
Wheeler

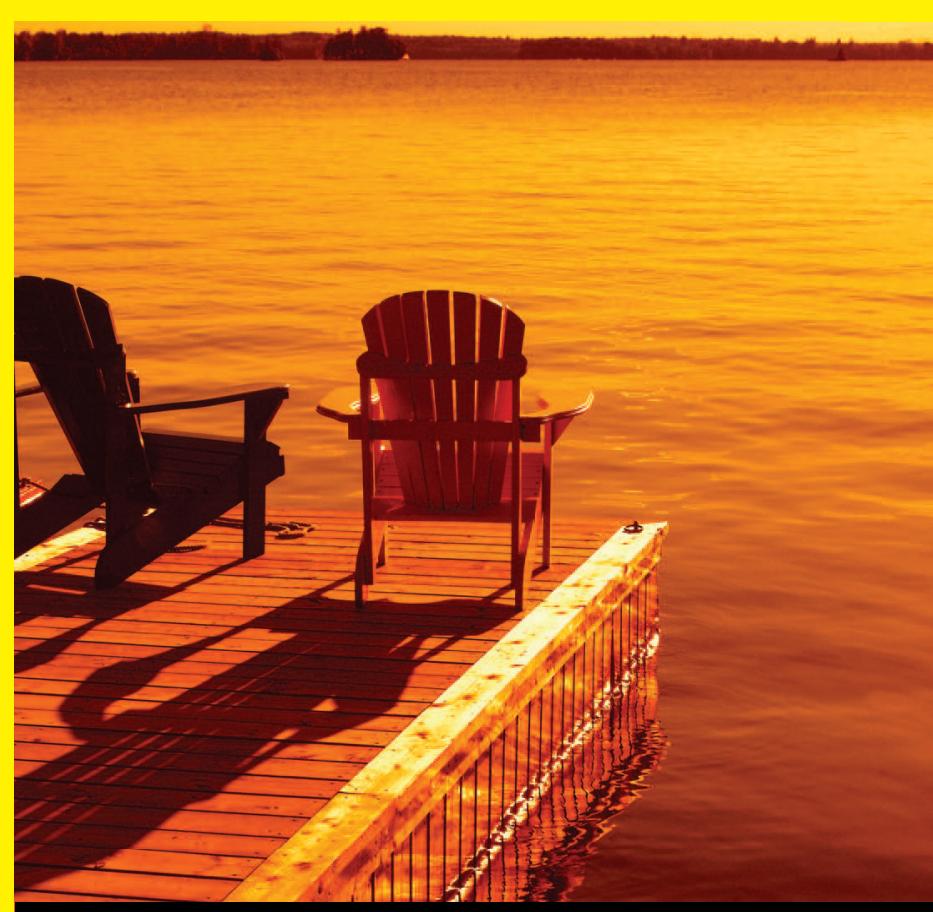
Children race to blow bubbles with Grace, left, getting some help from her dad.



The clown hands out 50th anniversary balloons to the adults as well.



Abby races to fill her teams bucket with water on Aug. 4 in Ingoldsby. The game was part of the Canning Lake Fun Day held every summer.



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Training Special Olympics athletes

Story by Janet Trull

Photos by Angelica Blenich

Haliburton County is teeming with volunteers opportunities – many you wouldn't think of at first. One of those is a special group called the Red Wolves.

The Haliburton County Red Wolves, a volunteer organization in the Highlands, is part of Special Olympics Ontario. They offer year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports to children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Local athletes benefit from continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympic athletes and the community.

The Haliburton County Red Wolves, established in 1996 by Linda Brandon of Minden, includes athletes who range in age from 11 to 65. Yvette Brauer, the co-ordinator of the group, talks with pride about the four sports that athletes in the community can participate in. "The Red Wolves have room to grow," Brauer says. "So, if you know of someone with a disability who would like to check them out, they are most welcome."

Softball John Kellett, head coach for the organization, runs this program on Monday afternoons at the diamond beside the arena in Haliburton from the beginning of June until September. At the moment they do not have a full roster so anyone is welcome to join them for exercise, friendship and fun.

Golf Rick West is the golf coach, meeting with athletes at the Haliburton Driving Range from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings all summer. The owner, Wade Greer, has provided his facility, including the mini-putt course, at no cost. Special Olympics Ontario held its Eastern Qualifier at Pinestone Golf on Aug. 23, where local athletes joined athletes from across Eastern Ontario to play golf, meet old friends and make new ones.

Bowling 25 bowlers meet at The Fast Lane in Minden on Wednesdays during the school year between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. Rick West is the coach and Bernice Murray is the assistant coach. Volunteers are always welcome as scorers, encouragers and friends. The team would love to see more "guys" volunteering this year.

Curling Bruce Fisher is the lead coach for this winter sport with 14 participating athletes. They curl on Mondays at 4 p.m. at the Minden Curling Club, which provides their facility at no cost. The Special Olympics tankard event, to be held in November, is a preliminary to the provincial games. If the team does well, they could even go on to the



Volunteer Val Richards, left, draws a name out of the drum during the Red Wolves picnic at the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park on Aug. 19 with the help of Trevor Brauer.

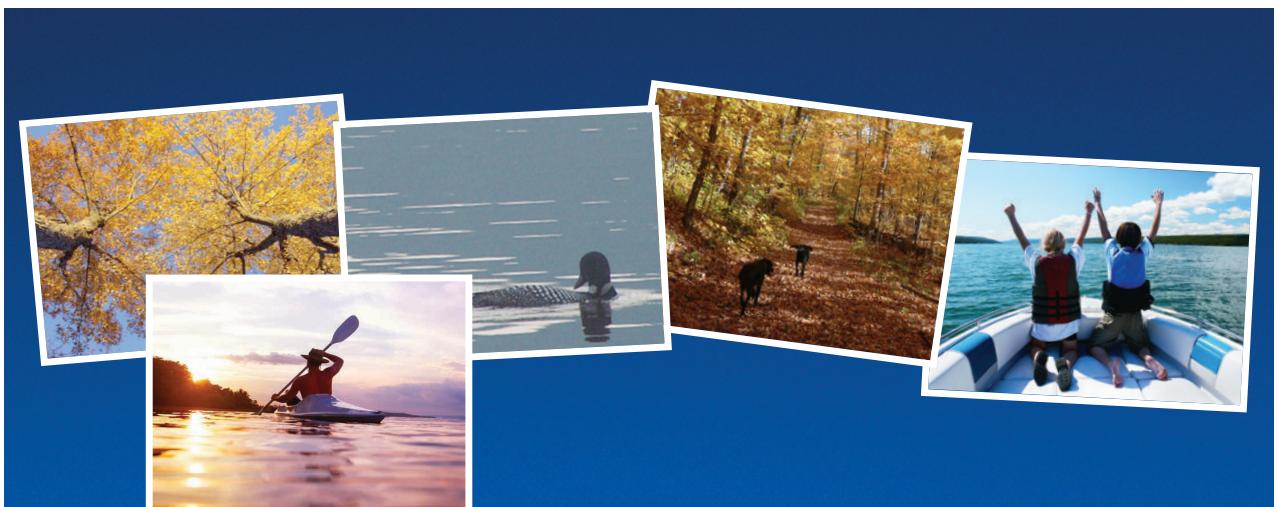
nationals. Train hard, team!

Alyssa Denyer, a student at Haliburton High, says of her experience as a volunteer with the Red Wolves: "Curling with the Red Wolves was truly a blast. They are some of the most fun people on the planet. A lot of us were really competitive, but it was still non-stop smiles. I felt it was a great experience for everyone, no matter how many times we lost to Dawn and her team, I always looked forward to

getting on the ice with every one after school."

Fundraising efforts cover all the teams' costs. Athletes are provided with team shirts, jackets, bowling shoes and curling equipment. Transportation for training and

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A sure sign

Story and photo by Steve Galea

Forget about the chill of morning or the noticeable shortening of the days. Ignore, if you can, the Canada geese, as they test their voices and wings, over our windswept lakes and sun-burnt fields. Disregard the nervous breeze or the dramatic, cot-

tony clouds scudding over a fading summer sky, or the fact that the small-mouth bass are once again frequenting the shallows in hopes of fattening up before a winter of dormancy.

For it is not in these things.

Instead, it skitters over the treetops and perches precariously on the brittle tips of swaying cattails. It squeals,

chirps and whistles and gathers in great flocks. It sweeps across the sky with a rush and a swoosh that makes a person look to the heavens and smile.

A great congregation of blackbirds (whether red-winged, starlings or grackles) is, to me at least, a sure sign of autumn's onset.

To see them in their full glory, you need to spend an early morning in a late-September marsh.

Then, you'll see them settle on a sea of cattails and rushes and roost in the trees.

They'll rise to the sound of a passing boat, take panicked, sweeping flights at the approach of a merlin or northern harrier and fly by in flocks that undulate like waves over the landscape and take minutes to pass.

But, despite that blushing of maple leaves down the road, that glorious time is yet to come.

So, for now, all we can do is marvel at the glory of late summer.

Who could not stand in awe at the seemingly random flight of a monarch butterfly as it casually flits its orange

wings and drifts aimlessly and opaque against the clear blue sky? And, though they will soon be gone, for now we can also enjoy the wildflowers – all purples, pinks, whites, yellows and oranges – that adorn the fields and roadside ditches. And watch reverently as deer, all sleek and well fed, stand like statues among them.

These, after all, are the things that we will recall when frost takes root in the earth and a vibrant palette of leaves crowns the trees.

These are the things that will be pale memories when our wood ducks pick up from the quiet ponds for the last time this season.

And, when the moose come to rut and migrant flights of woodcock drop into the creek bottoms and dank places, these things will be long gone for another year.

And somewhere in some marsh, a flock of blackbirds, hundreds wide and thousands deep, will continue their journey south, their time here done. And autumn's bluster will take hold once again.

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Signs of Autumn draw our attention to the coming congregation of blackbirds readying for their migration south.

Preserving the vegetable garden

Story and photo by Lea Kitler

Summer holidays are over, kids are heading back to school and the farm begins to quiet down for the season. Soon the days will be shorter, the warm winds will blow away and the leaves will begin to change colour. This is my favourite time of the year. But before we begin to slow down, we have a lot of work to do to preserve our product and our gardens.

Throughout August and into late September we finish harvesting every last bit of herbs, fruits, beans, garlic and vegetables that we can gather. Some things are sun dried while other product is chopped up and stewed for hours in the outdoor oven to make a variety of different tasty sauces to enjoy all year long. We make our own pizza and pasta sauce, hot sauces, ketchup, pickles, jams and wild apple preserves.

Harvesting the St. Croix, Frontenac and Chaumac red grapes are one of my favourite things to do on the farm. We cut the grapes off the vines in late September and place them in the crusher. Turning the crank slowly we marvel as the red juice

flows into the buckets. This year for our Thanksgiving dinner we will taste our first bottles of wine from last year's crop.

Just as important as harvesting all the fruits and product from the fields are the fields themselves. We take the time to collect the manure that our animals have left behind and spread it over our gardens. We spend hours raking leaves, collecting ashes from the woodstoves and mixing them into the soil. All of these ingredients will begin to decay throughout the winter creating a lush soil base for the next year's harvest.

Growing fresh product into the fall and winter this year will be much easier with the outdoor greenhouse but we still have a learning curve to go through with regards to heating the space. We plan to grow lettuce, spinach, sprouts, and tomatoes for the most part and to do it without electricity. We hope to install a solar collector and with the right amount of insulation in the building we should have product into early December.

As the years pass, I am reminded of how all of this started for me. One morning, I needed an egg to make an omelet. Instead of going to the grocery store for a dozen,

I decided to stop by the co-op and order some day old chicks. I have never bought an egg since. After being somewhat successful with the hens we have expanded our animals to goats and pigs. We use the goat milk for drinking and we make our own cheese. The milk is also used in our 14 varieties of Goat Milk Soap. We raise the pigs for the summer and we harvest

them in the fall. As the year begins to slow down we pack away all the garden tools in the same shed as we store our maple syrup equipment. It won't be long and we will start the cycle all over again.

Lea Kitler is one half of the Magnificent Hill farming duo, which includes Diane Doiron. The farm is located at 1258 Magnificent Road in Highland Grove.



Even though the garden is almost done given us her bounty, we must honor her and preserve as many of her crop as possible. We will make jams, jellies, freeze and dry enough product for us and for our farm gate during the fall. Finally at Thanksgiving we will harvest our grapes and make a batch of wine for winter drinking.

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Volunteer fair offers variety of opportunities

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tournaments and the cost of social events also require fundraising dollars. Bruce Fisher and Dave Millington have biked to Newfoundland to raise funds, over \$18,000 so far.

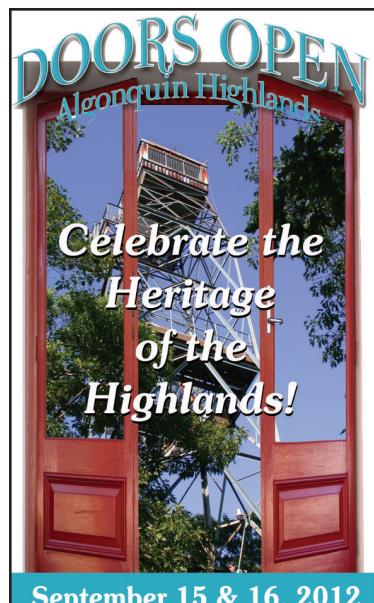
The Red Wolves depend on volunteers to coach, keep score, and organize annual social events like the Christmas party, the awards ceremony, the rubber duck race, the bowlathon, and the torch run. Without caring volunteers, the athletes would not be able to participate in sports in their community.

If you think you might like to volunteer with the Red Wolves, you don't have to make a commitment right away. Just show up at one of their training sessions and watch the fun. Bring a friend or two. The athletes love their sports, but they love

making new friends even more. Volunteers come in all ages from teens to retirees. No expertise is needed. If you'd like more information about how you can support the special athletes in our community, contact Bruce Fisher at heyjudefish@sympatico.ca or call Yvette Brauer at 705-488-2282. Or, better yet, visit their table at the Volunteer Fair at the Haliburton Legion 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a guest speaker, Donna Lockhart, at 11 a.m. on Sept. 15.

The Red Wolves Special Olympics athletes gathered for a picnic at the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park in Kinmount on Aug. 19.

Front row from left, Bernice Murray, Dawn Piercy, Robin Fletcher, Lisa Burk (sitting). Middle from left, Maryanne Stammers, Jamie, Nate Heatherington, Brent Leffering, Doug Johnson. Back row from left, Jerry Corby, Ross Anderson, Josh Grant, Brad Trumbull and Jason Hollowell.



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My excellent Lost Angeleez adventure

Maybelle's



Fireside stories

Whyifol' Maybelle isn't all excited to tell you about my excellent adventure in Lost Angeleez, don'tcha know. It was on my bucket list so I figured, Maybelle ... just do it! And boy was I lucky, having my old childhood friend, Morlin McCentsteller as my host.

There she was at LAX (the airport not the laxative) looking wayyy younger than me, thanks to her husband, Mel, nipping and tucking at her. He's a cosmetic sturgeon, uh SURgeon, don'tcha know.

HONK! HONK! Hey Lady! Los Angeleez drivers have fleas in their pants. So off we went with half my suitcase sticking out her trunk.

Before I knew it, we were driving through Beverly Hills past palm trees and houses the size of hotels. Why I looked for people, but no folks were on the streets, except for professional dog-walkers and gardeners, don'tcha know.

Then at the bottom of Morlin's hilltop house (across the street from where Fred Astaire and Mary Pickford used to live) she pulls out a small contrapulation, clicks it, and if two big ol' iron gates don't open their jaws letting us in.

Well, I had never seen such a place, except on those TV travel programs. Why there was a big ol' swimming pool, tennis court, and all kinds of statues in the garden. What a change from our childhood days in Lake WhaddyathinkImean.

So we go inside and Morlin says: "Bob'll fix your jet lag." And shazam! In walks her very own personal trainer, all tanned and, dare I say, BUFFED!?

I'll tell you, BOB was a sight for bored eyes. Why my grey hair is still turning red just thinking about him. And if he didn't have me move parts of this ol' body I forgot I had. And real slowww, too. Said it had something to do with clearing out my lymph nodes, don'tcha node.

Then the next day, Morlin drives us all the way to Venice Beach. What a place that was. You'd think it was Halloween. But that's just how folks dress there. Bikinied Barbies on roller skates ... chalk artists in Mad Hatter hats.

And the shops! Why there was even a store selling Botox treatments and stuff that blows your lips up real big. Thought that might be kinda fun. So yours truly

now looks like Anjolina Jolly without the Pitt.

Why the air was so thick with a feeling of "Why not?" that ol' Maybelle even got a tattoo. Of a moose, don'tcha know. 'Course I had to have it engraved on the bottom of my foot ... the only place that wasn't wrinkled!

Then off we went filling up on tacos at Holy Guacamole. Oh my goodyness they were good. And if that wasn't enough, we drove a good 40 minutes to famous Melrose Avenue to get our fill of even more sights.

Why, you should have seen the outfits on those girls. Up in Lake WhaddyathinkImean we wear bluejeans so loose you can fit longjohns under them. But in Lost Angeleez, girls wear stretchy jeans so tight the veins in their legs pop. The only things I want popping are my Rice Crispies.

Then there was "The Grove." What an outdoor shopping mall that was. A dancing fountain with syncopated music, sidewalk cafes, a really big movie theatre with people working there dressed like the old Philip Morris fella ... pill box hat and gold buttoned uniform. Just like Hollywood in the old days.

And the next day, when Morlin and I stopped into a hardware store, who do you think was walking out? LEONARD NEMOY. That's right. I'd know him anywhere, even without his pointy Star Trek ears.

Those 10 days sure were exciting. And so was my flight back.

Why that airplane had some transponder troubles or the like, plus it was like pea soup in the cabin, something about the ventilation system getting a rabbit caught in the pipes.

So the gal next to me is shvitzing on my tamale sandwich and her husband needs mouth-to-mouth regurgitation, when an overhead compartment door flies open, hits the stewardess in the head and she falls smack in their laps spilling Bloody Mary's all over the place.

But, ya know ... it made me feel right at home. For those of you who listen to my radio show, *Fireside Stories from Lake WhaddyathinkImean*, you know how

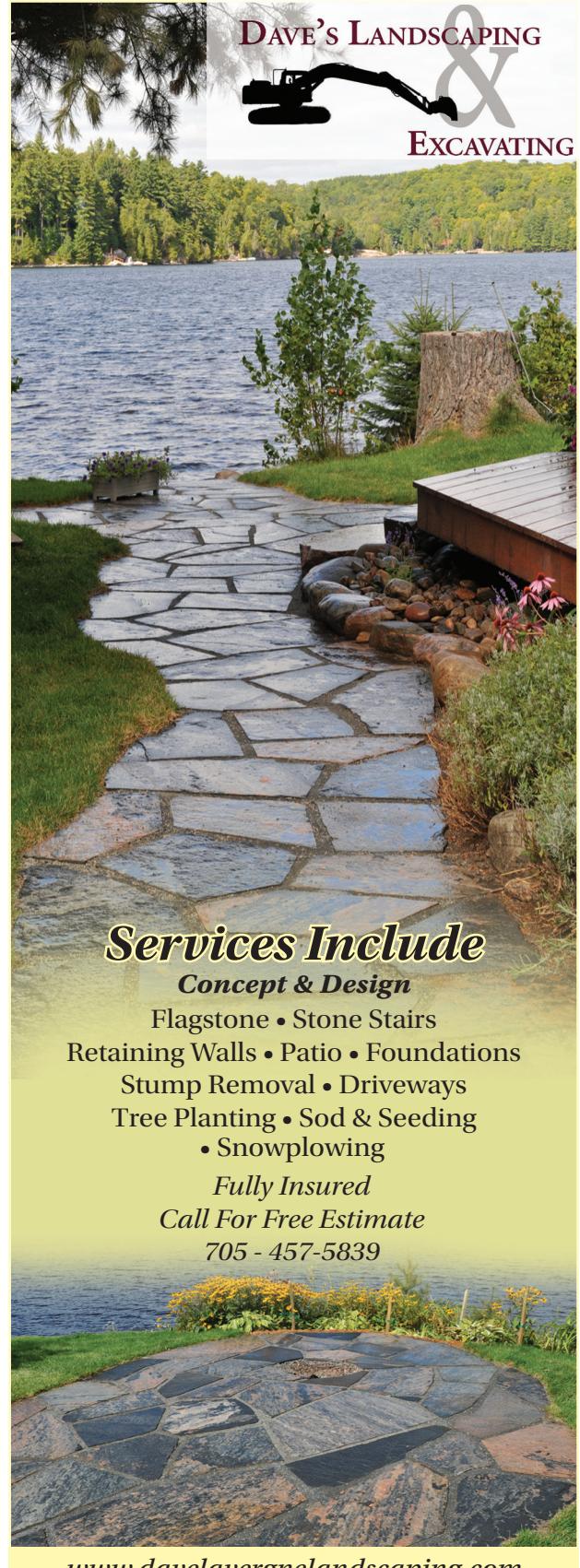
crazy things can get. Well, I'm back home now with my pet bear, Bogart (gee, I missed him) and all my good friends. And I can tell you this ...

As excellent as my Lost Angeleez adventure was ... to ol' Maybelle ... there's no place like home.

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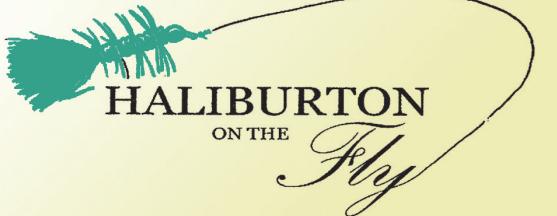


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Stand tall

Story by Steve Galea
Photos by Jenn Watt

Life was fine at our table at the Dominion Hotel – right up until a sound bite from that stupid song blared across the room.

Though I immediately lunged and pulled the radio's plug, I wasn't quick enough. So fellow reporter Chad Ingram and I were briefly subjected to Burton Cummings singing a line from what we short people consider one of the most offensive songs ever.

"Stand tall..." he crooned.

"Did you hear that?" Chad asked. "More height discrimination!"

There and then, I knew that things were about to get awkward.

You see, Chad, who at five-foot-four is what I'd generally consider tall and lanky, was suddenly reminded of his height.

Perhaps he was being oversensitive after having recently been escorted off the premises of a George Richards Big and Tall Menswear store after getting lost in a three-piece suit. Or maybe it had something to do with the fact that he recently mistook a crawl space for a basement with a cathedral ceiling. Whatever the reason, his height was getting him down.

As someone who once made a decent living as the groom on high-end wedding cakes, I could relate.

It is true that we vertically challenged people face a glass ceiling – one that, to add insult to injury, we have to use a ladder to reach. But, I've always maintained that there is no use getting upset over that glass ceiling – unless of course a highland pipe band wearing kilts is on the floor above you.

"If only we could stand tall," he said.

"It would take a miracle," I muttered.

Suddenly, a miracle worker walked right through the door.

"Did I hear someone say they wanted to stand tall?" Sarah Adams chirped.

"Sure," said Chad. "But unless you've got some way to incite a stubborn growth spurt, it's not going to happen."

Sarah, who works for the Haliburton



Miracle worker Sarah Adams helps Steve and Chad "stand tall" with some ladies' high heels.

County YWCA, was undeterred. She expertly sized up our feet and then pulled two pairs of red ladies' high heels from her purse.

"Try these on," she said.

"There's nothing you can say that would make us wear shiny red ladies' high heels," I muttered. "Absolutely nothing."

"Me neither," said Chad. "I've got far too much dignity."

"You'll gain three inches in height," she said.

Walking in high heels is not as easy as you might think. But soon Chad



Steve and Chad wobble their way along Minden's Riverwalk helping Sarah Adams scout a route for Walk A Mile In Her Shoes.

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Being tall is not all it's cracked up to be

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and I were strolling down Minden's Riverwalk, which is coincidentally along the same route that Sarah wanted to scout for the upcoming YWCA's Walk a Mile in Her Shoes. Accompanying her on the walk seemed like the least we could do. Plus, she said if we didn't, we'd have to give the shoes back.

It turns out Sarah knows a lot of people. Practically every car that drove by honked its horn and a few even whistled.

"You think anyone has noticed our shoes?" Chad asked uncomfortably.

"Nah!" I said, "They're marveling at our height."

"Sure," Sarah said, "Hey Steve, I'm trying to predict liability issues for the Walk. Could you try to walk on this grassy slope?"

After using my heels as picks to crawl out of the river and up the steep bank, I began to realize that being tall is not all it's cracked up to be.

For one thing, my feet really hurt. And, you know, the air up there wasn't

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After attempting a steep slope in heels, Steve takes a dip in the Gull River.

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Chad pampers Steve's feet at Ommmh Beauty Boutique after a hard day in ladies' heels

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any better either.

Still, Sarah insisted that we finish the whole route with her – despite the fact that, in that short walk, Chad and I had both developed life-threatening bunions.

Fortunately, as we passed the Ommh Beauty Boutique on the way back, Sean and the gang had already received Sarah's 911 call and were ready with a full foot rehabilitation program.

There, because no one else wanted to do it, Chad and I decided to take turns pampering each other's feet. He had just finished working on mine before I decided that it was a horrible idea, however. So the deal was immediately discontinued.

In the end, Chad and I agreed that though it was nice to be tall for a while, the cost was too high. And though we did help Sarah get familiar with the pitfalls of her route, enjoyed the scenic Riverwalk, and got whistled at by passing truckers, something just didn't feel right about the experience.

Maybe it was because we wore those ruby slippers. Whatever the case, all I can say is there's no place like Ommh.

Hey guys, forget about height issues and really bad fashion. If you want to wear high heels for a good cause, participate in the YWCA's Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event on Oct. 20. It's a light-hearted event that encourages men to wear heels and walk a mile through Minden in support of abused women.

All proceeds will help women and their children who are victims of domestic violence in Haliburton County. High registration numbers will mean higher awareness of the life-saving services available to women at the YWCA Women's Centre, Haliburton County, such as HERS (Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace).

To register for the event or to pledge a walker, contact Sarah at sadamsywcahal@bellnet.ca, or visit www.walkamilehaliburtoncounty.com during the first week of September. And, don't worry, the YWCA provides the shoes!

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That just-dumped feeling

Story and photo by Janet Trull

So, you cleaned out the shed and now you have 10 years' worth of unfinished projects, wrecked air mattresses and ruined lawn furniture piled on your driveway.

It's got to go somewhere.

Gone are the days when you could load this embarrassing heap in the back of the truck and throw it away without a second thought. It will take some planning before you make the trek to your local landfill site.

- Have your ID card ready. Is it orange or purple this year?

- Have your garbage packaged properly in clear plastic garbage bags. Or white. Or green if you smile and look kind of simple. Rules are sometimes flexible. Sometimes not.

- Make sure your recyclables are sorted and your cardboard flattened. There is always a bit of a back-up at the recycle bins. Some people (like me for instance) have not been able to train their families to put paper in one bin, plastic and glass in the other. So we tend to sort as we toss. Apologies to those of you who have it all done efficiently ahead of time. You deserve a tax credit.

- Get familiar with the geography of your dump. Electronics? The old blue ghetto blaster is headed to the electronics shed. Wood? Metal? There are special piles for those. Old motor oil? Come back on Hazardous Waste Day.

My heart speeds up a bit as I wait in a line-up of cars and pick-ups to see if the landfill associate will wave me in.

It's a little like crossing the border. Don't even think about try-

ing to sneak past the entry shack with Grampa's armchair or an old stove. Get your wallet out. It's going to cost you.

Once you get inside, you have to follow the established route. Recycle area first. Smash go the bottles.

Depending on the site, there may be a box that you can put your liquor, wine and beer bottles in so they can be returned to the beer store for deposit money. I imagine this income provides for improvements in the staff lounge, like air-conditioning and leather furniture and Febreeze.

Next, you follow the signage to "household garbage," a dog's breakfast of diapers and dollar-store detritus: waste from the failed civilization known as humanity. Apologize to Mother Earth as you chuck your collection of mouldy old crap into the sky-high heap. Sure, you probably have a couple of clear garbage bags full of acceptable garbage too. Good for you. Let's try for more of that next time. Someday, you promise, you will stop buying so much cheap, useless "stuff," but right now, you are caught in the downward spiral of consumerism with everybody else. Store ... five minutes of fun ... shed ... dump.

Scavenging is frowned upon in these modern times, but if you spot a treasure, there is no shame in liberating it from landfill. Every cottage should display at least one "good find" from the dump.

When you have emptied your trunk, hop into the car and close the door fast so the flies and seagulls and horrible reek do not try to come home with you. At the exit gate, you may endure a quick moment of anxiety, worrying that you will be stopped and interrogated about



While scavenging is frowned upon elsewhere, no cottage is complete without a "good find" from the landfill.

the clang of metal that occurred when you tossed Uncle Donny's nuts and bolts collection onto garbage mountain.

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Vegetable gardening for flower growers

Story and photos by Janice Hardy

So, you are a flower grower rather than a vegetable grower. Well, vegetables are often easier to grow than fussy hybrids and taste really good. How to go about it:

Planning the Vegetable Garden

Vegetable gardening is not only about selecting the

vegetables that you enjoy eating fresh from the garden - it is also about planning. Good planning will ensure that your crops produce as expected and will reduce the workload during the season itself. Like many other gardens, consideration must be given to the site, the soil and the requirements of each vegetable.

The Site

If this is your first foray into vegetable gardening,



Tomatoes need to be watered consistently during the flowering stage to prevent blossom-end rot.

select a small site in full sun. Choose a site with good drainage and purchase a triple mix for the bed. For my first vegetable garden I have chosen to use a raised bed in the square foot intensive garden style. This served two purposes: first to allow maximum production in a minimum amount of space, and second to allow the soil to warm much faster than a non-raised bed. It is also easier on the back! My bed is four-by-six feet and 12 inches deep.

The Vegetables

Choose the vegetables based on not only your likes and dislikes, but the number of people in the family and whether or not you wish to freeze or can. Generally I am looking at summer eating for two adults and weekend guests rather than storage, canning or freezing.

The first vegetable chosen is a family favourite - the tomato.

Tomatoes

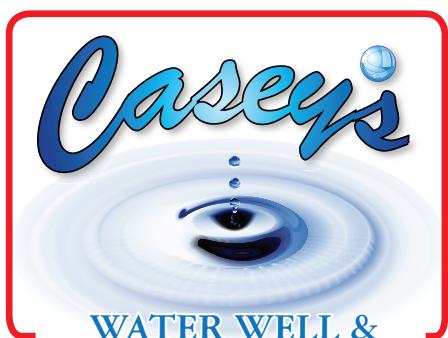
Tomatoes require full sun and medium-rich, moist, well-drained soil with a pH range of 5.5 to 6.8. Varieties selected were based on fruiting time. I like a couple of early cultivars and a couple of later ones so tomatoes are not ripening all at once. Plant once the soil temperatures have warmed and all danger of frost is gone. A transplant fertilizer can be used at the time of planting as tomatoes are heavy feeders. It is important to ensure that the soil has enough calcium to meet the fruiting needs.

Therefore a side-dressing with fertilizer specific to tomatoes will help prevent this. Another application of a more balanced fertilizer of 5-10-5 should be applied after the first tomato is ripe and repeated in approximately one month's time. Each plant needs to be staked and should sit at the north-west end of the bed to prevent shading of other plants. One square foot will hold a single plant to allow room to grow. Consistent watering is necessary during flowering to prevent blossom-end rot, especially in a hot Ontario summer. Fruit is harvested as it ripens and in my household is consumed quickly. If you prefer not to use chemical fertilizer, then using good compost and composted sheep manure will provide the necessary nutrients for good growth.

Peppers

Next to the tomatoes will be peppers. Like tomatoes, peppers require one square foot of space per plant. Tomatoes and peppers are companion plants to each other. The tomatoes will help shelter the peppers from direct sunlight and can increase the humidity, which is to the benefit of the pepper plant. Peppers are a medium-heavy feeder and high nitrogen consumer. Consider a side-dressing of fertilizer at blossom time and three weeks later for good fruit production. Peppers prefer a sunny location in well drained soil. PH preference is 5.5 to 6.5. Peppers require a long growing season and

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A late summer planting means a [...]

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therefore transplants should be used rather than seeds. Plant after the soil has warmed - usually the last week in May or the first week of June. If you prefer your own plants then both peppers and tomatoes can be started indoors about eight weeks prior to moving outside.

Bush Beans - Green Snap variety

Green snap beans are another family favourite. Seeds should be sown directly into the ground after all danger of frost has passed and soil has warmed. Consider purchasing disease resistant seeds. Beans prefer full sun in light, well drained sandy loam with a pH of 5.8 to 7.0. Up to nine plants can occupy one square foot of garden space leaving approximately 4 inches (10 centimetres) of space between plants. One square of beans should be planted every two weeks until all chosen squares are full. This will ensure a steady crop of beans over the season. Beans are moderate feeders and fertilizer is not necessary if using a good compost in your garden. Because beans fix nitrogen, if fertilizing use a side dressing of 10-10-10 after blossoms have finished and pods have set. Harvest early in the morning after the leaves have dried.

Cucumbers

Cucumbers and beans are companion plants and can be planted next to each other in the bed. Like most other vegetables chosen, cucumbers prefer full sun in rich well-drained soil. Compost should be added as cucumbers enjoy soils rich in organic matter with a pH of 5.5 to 7.0. Cucumbers can get quite large so therefore one plant per square foot is good. I like to trellis the plants rather than have them on the ground. Plant after all danger of frost has passed. Cucumbers are heavy feeders and will need to be side-dressed one week after blossoming begins using a 33-0-0 fertilizer and again in approximately three weeks. When picking maintain a few centimetres of stem to prevent water loss.

Carrots

Carrot seeds should be sown directly into the bed with 30 seeds per square foot. Carrots can germinate at the cooler spring temperatures when the soil tempera-



Vegetables can benefit one another when planted properly.

ture is a minimum 10 degrees. This often happens in early May. Like most vegetables, carrots prefer full sun in deep, sandy loam with a pH of 6.0 to 6.8. Carrots are companions to beans, peppers and tomatoes. Fertilizing with a low nitrogen fertilizer only after germination and again when 15 centimetres of top growth is needed as carrots are light feeders. Too much top growth can be indicative of an excessive amount of nitrogen. The best eating carrots are when they are no greater than 3.5 to 4 centimetres in diameter.

Radishes

The radishes can be planted in the same square foot section of the bed as the carrots. Their fast-growing habit means that the radishes will be mature much sooner than the carrots, leaving the carrots to grow without any competition. Radishes will also act as a nurse crop to the carrots. Radishes are cool season crops and will be sown with the carrots when the soil temperature has reached approximately 10 degrees.

Beets

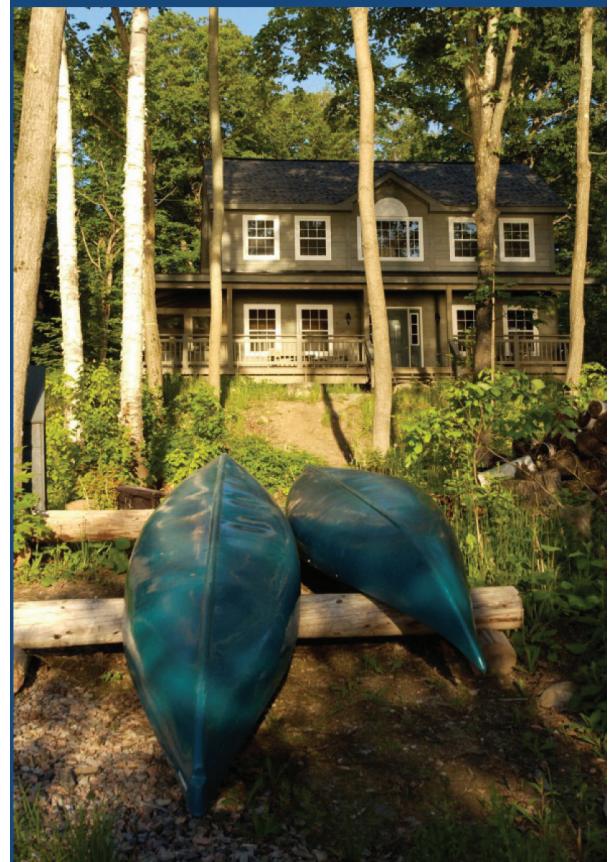
Beets are companions of bush beans. Enjoying moist, rich well drained sandy loam soil with a pH of 5.8 to 7.0, beets will fit well with the rest of the garden. Seeds are again sown directly into the ground when the soil reaches temperatures of 10 degrees. Like most heavy feeders, compost is needed before planting. A side dressing of fertilizer high in phosphorus and low in nitrogen every two weeks to ensure good root development. Beets should be pulled when they are 2.5 to five centimetres across. A late summer planting for fall harvest will provide a nice meal in October. Beets planted in the warmer weather require a watering program to ensure good root development.

For more information on vegetable gardening please



Cucumbers can get quite large, so one plant per square foot is best.

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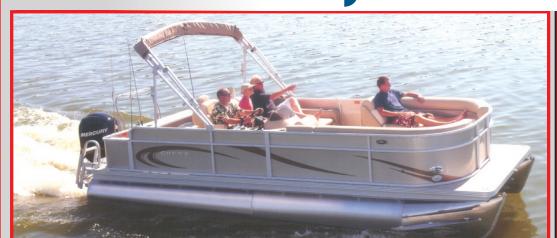


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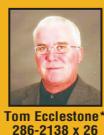
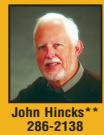
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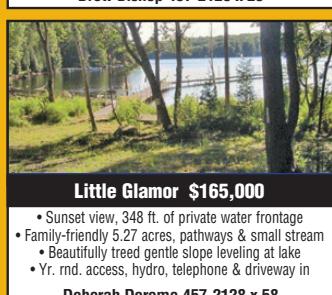
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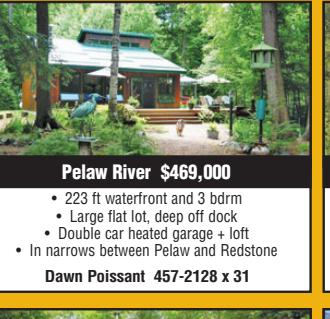
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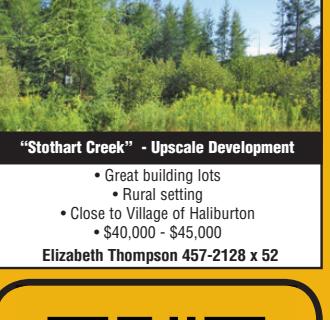
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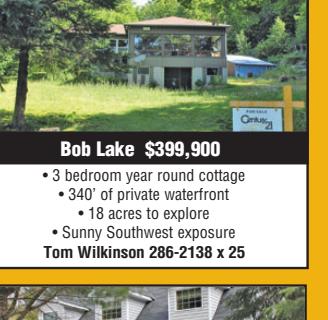
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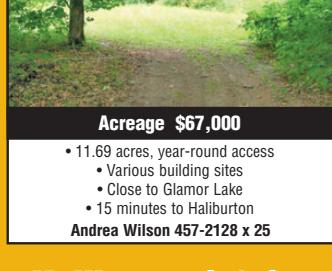
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Corn roast brings neighbours together

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

What started out as an evening corn roast around a campfire has grown into one of the most popular events on Soyers Lake.

In existence for more than 50 years, the Soyers Lake Rate Payers' Association has been organizing a family friendly corn roast since 1975.

The association continued with its tradition as more than five dozen bags of corn on the cob were cooked for this year's event, held on Aug. 18.

The corn roast is an opportunity for members of the SLRPA to meet their neighbours, said association vice-president Kim Stamp.

The event was initially spearheaded by Lew McCorriston, 86, who organized the first corn roast during his inaugural year as president of the SLRPA.

Back then the corn roast was held in the evening and neighbours would gather around the campfire with instruments, playing music and singing songs.

"It's been a great social gathering ever since," said McCorriston.

McCorriston served 30 years on the association's executive, 20 of which he was president. A resident of Soyers Lake since 1962, McCorriston watched his family, including his son and grandson, come up and enjoy their summers on the lake.

"It certainly has changed since then," he said, remembering the '60s.

Today the association has 175 members, out of a possible 220, said Stamp.

Angelica Blenich Staff

More than five dozen bushels of corn on the cob were cooked for the annual Soyers Lake corn roast, held on Aug. 18.



Derrell Stamp throws some cobs of corn into a boiling pot of water to get them cooking during the annual Soyers Lake corn roast. Stamp is the organizer of the event, which has been running for more than 30 years. The Soyers Lake Rate Payers Association has been in existence for more than 50 years.



Members of the Soyers Lake Rate Payers' Association enjoy freshly cooked cobs of corn. The annual event has been taking place for more than 30 years.



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Facelift

Orillia artist Richard VanderMeer works on repainting Matt Duchene's face before tackling the eyes on the mural on the side of the Dysart Arena on Wednesday, Aug. 22. He also painted the murals of NHLer Cody Hodgson and former CFL player Mike Bradley. Hodgson's mural was unveiled on Sunday, Aug. 26 and Bradley's is expected close to Thanksgiving. VanderMeer, who took over for an ill Allen Hilgendorf, the artist originally commissioned, has his own studio and has been painting for more than 30 years.

Darren Lum Staff

OPP encourage water safety

Despite the shorter days and cooler nights that are encroaching on what is left of summer, the Ontario Provincial Police believe this year's swimming and boating season is still far from over.

That being said, the OPP want to remind the public of the very real dangers associated with water-based recreation, and to encourage people to take personal responsibility for ensuring water safety for themselves and their children. Tragedies do happen and it could happen to you.

Although there is no one single cause that leads to drowning, there are common contributors. Basic safety practices such as learning to swim at an early age; wearing a lifejacket or a personal flotation device while on a vessel or in water; adult supervision of children while swimming; and not drinking and boating can make the difference between surviving, or not.

Between Jan. 1 and July 22, nine people have been killed in marine vessel incidents in OPP-patrolled waters, compared to 13 people over the same time period last year. Out of those nine people who died, five were not wearing a PFD. Five of those deaths were also alcohol-related.

In 2011, on those waterways policed by the OPP, 82 per cent of the deaths were recreational boaters who were not wearing a lifejacket or PFD. Many boaters who drown believe they are good swimmers so they think having a PFD on board, and within easy reach is good enough.

Most marine drownings happen unexpectedly when small boats capsize or someone falls overboard. The PFD left behind is not much use, especially in cold water.

Listed below are some interesting findings extracted from the June 23, 2011 Coroner's Report - *Drowning Review: A Review of All Accidental Drowning Deaths in Ontario from May 1 to Sept. 30, 2010*.

- In 2010 a total of 89 persons drowned in the province of Ontario (similar to previous years).

- 85 per cent or 76 persons that drowned were men making drowning largely a male related phenomenon.

- 15 per cent or 13 of the drowning victims in 2010 were children less than five years of age, which was a 260 per cent increase compared to past years.

- Persons aged 20 to 64 years accounted for 50 (56 per cent) of the deaths.

- Of the 89 drownings:
 - 21 per cent occurred in private pools (19 persons).
 - 57 per cent occurred in lakes, ponds or streams (51 persons).

- 96 per cent or 22 of the 23 persons that drowned operating vessels (powered and non-powered) were not wearing life jackets or personal flotation devices.

In conclusion, the OPP would like to encourage everyone to learn to swim, wear a PFD, to closely supervise young children and to boat sober.

-Submitted by the OPP

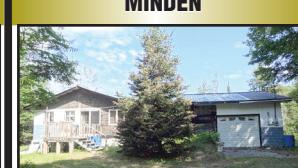
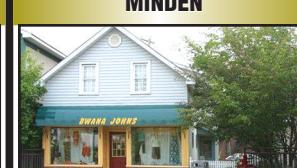
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Debut novel rooted in spirit of hope

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Under the shade of an apple tree behind the Dysart library, new Canadian author Heather Clark beamed brightly.

Clark read from her debut novel *Chai Tea Sunday* at a Friends of the Haliburton County Library tea event on Wednesday, Aug. 15.

This novel centres on 30-something Nicky Fowler who seemingly has everything: a career, husband and perfect home. This all unravels when she and her husband face a complicated tragedy. Both deal with it differently.

The emotionally lost Nicky, who is a teacher, travels to Kenya to volunteer at an orphanage.

There she finds hope.

Clark originally from St. Catharines, said the book started as a personal creative project. She began in her spare time during maternity leave with her second child.

During a family event her cousin Rachel, who was volunteering at an orphanage, described her experience living and working in Kenya.

The anecdotes inspired Clark's novel.

"It wasn't the elements of devastation or poverty or despair. Far too much of that exists. But it was what connected all those elements together for me, which was the element of hope," she said.

What really brought it home for the Oakville resident were the children at the orphanage.

"These kids have nothing. They have less than nothing. They didn't have shoes on their feet. They had so much love. So much unconditional love. So much free spirit. So much joy. So much happiness that shone through all of her stories that I thought right then and there, if I'm going to write a book, this needs to be part of it," she said.

Thousands of emails were exchanged between the two and provided the necessary details such as what people wear, how the air feels and when the sunrise occurs.



Darren Lum Staff

Canadian author Heather Clark, who read from her debut novel *Chai Tea Sunday*, spoke about the process and the motivation for writing at the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library's outdoor fundraising tea at the Dysart branch on Wednesday, Aug. 15. Clark said it was a personal project that evolved.

Clark said she owes her book to her cousin, since it was virtually written through her eyes.

Through word of mouth the finished copy ended up in the hands of a publisher.

It was amazing how long the process was from handing in the manuscript to publication, she said.

Clark was touched so greatly by the stories that partial proceeds from her book will go to Artbound, a non-profit volunteer initiative in support of Free the Children.

Clark said one of her recent fond memories was talking to her former English teacher about the novel when he came to one of her first book events in Niagara.

He told her the pages come alive with details painting a vivid picture of Kenya.

Clark was coy about her next project, describing it as a plot-driven book in the women's genre. It has an April 2014 release date.

A book club collection of her novel will be available at the Haliburton County Public Library.

Although novels can be a tough to complete, Clark said something greater than herself was involved.

"I feel like this whole book and this whole process found me instead of me finding it," she said.

It was a year exactly to the day after her second child's due date that she received the publisher's contract for her book.

"It felt like it brought it all together," she said.



Inspiring next generation

Twelve-year-old Cassidy Glecoff of Haliburton was one of many who received an autograph from Canadian musician Jim Cuddy of Blue Rodeo fame when he performed at the Forest Festival earlier this month at the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve. Cassidy, who is an aspiring musician, had Cuddy write his autograph on her guitar, which was varnished to preserve the autograph.

Darren Lum Staff

Pinestone hosts Special Olympians

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

There were smiles and high-fives all around for the 62 Special Olympic athletes participating at the provincial eastern golf qualifier at the Pinestone Resort in Haliburton on Thursday, Aug. 23.

The event featured a qualifying group, who played the back nine holes to earn a spot at the provincial summer

games next year, and an alternate shot format group, which included partnering with friends, loved ones and family members on the front nine holes.

This was the resort's first opportunity to host the event, which included athletes from all over the eastern region that includes Toronto, Timmins and Ottawa.

The seven local Special Olympians were Trevor Brauer of Kinmount, who attempted to qualify for the 2013 Provincial Summer Games next year, Jerry Corby, Josh Grant, Brent Leffering, Dawn Piercy, Jason Hallowell and Lisa

Burk made up a local contingent.

Brauer, who did not qualify, placed fourth with his performance in the nine-hole event held on the back nine holes of the golf course. He has been playing for four years.

Corby, Grant, Leffering, Piercy and Burk played the alternate shot format.

This was the second year for the local team. Medals were awarded to the top three of each division.



Photos by Darren Lum



From upper left, clockwise, Special Olympics participant Dawn Piercy has a laugh with her father and golfing partner Dave Piercy; Haliburton Lake cottager and Special Olympian Brad Teague examines the green with Bob Nichol of Haliburton; Trevor Brauer of Kinmount watches his drive off the tee during the eastern provincial qualifier for the 2013 Ontario Special Olympics summer games at the Pinestone Resort in Haliburton on Thursday, Aug. 23.

An event of firsts for senior athletes

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

When there are more than a thousand competitors winning a medal is no small feat.

With competitors (55 plus) coming from all over Ontario, the 48 District 11 (Haliburton County and area, including Muskoka) athletes proved their mettle at the Ontario Senior Summer Games in Brampton from Aug. 14 to 16.

The size of the team was one of the largest contingents at

the Games that included 17 events.

Although Bruce Stephenson of Gravenhurst led the team with a gold in the Nordic one kilometre prediction event, the team boasted a series of first achievements.

Susan Bennett (55 plus) of Minden and John Picard (55 plus) and Peter McLuskey (65 plus) of Haliburton all earned their first medals at their first provincial games with silver in the 10 kilometre cycling time trial race.

Horseshoes team Mary Lynne Patterson of Haliburton and John Prestwich of Minden earned the district's first mixed team horseshoes medal with a silver.

Doubles team David Stokes of Minden and Robert Terro of Haliburton also won silver.

Carpet bowlers Carroll Williams of Cardiff and Renata Krieger of Bancroft won silver. Euchre players Judy Smith and Barb Haley-Marsh of Cardiff won bronze and Willie Cox of Haliburton won bronze in the prediction walking Nordic one kilometre.

These medalists will be eligible for the next Canada Games expected to be in Edmonton August 2014.

- with files from Mike Johnson



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From far left, clockwise, Jack Cox, left, Susan Bennett, Peter McLuskey and John Picard, who all competed in the 10 kilometre time-trial cycling event at the Ontario Senior Summer Games in Brampton from Aug. 14 to 16. Bennett, Picard, both in 55 plus age category, and McLuskey in the 65 plus age category won their first medals at their first Games. Bennett and Picard won silver while McLuskey won bronze.

Submitted by Mike Johnson.

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Revisiting hunting basics

Steve Galea
Special to the Echo

I've long maintained that confidence is key in any hunting situation. If you sit on a stand that you are unsure of, hunt in a way that you have no faith in, shoot a bow, rifle or gun that you have doubts about, or take shots at ranges you are uncertain of, the odds of a successful hunt are fairly slim.

The best hunters, in my experience, are confident. This is what gives them faith

in their chosen tactic; it's what inspires them to remain ready, alert and patient for longer.

But confidence is deeply rooted in success – and, most often, success comes from adhering to the basics. After all, they became the basics because they work day in and day out.

I think this is important to note because, these days, there's an unsettling trend that many new and casual hunters fall into – the belief that more equipment can make up for a lack of hunting ability.

It can't.



Steve Galea Special to the Echo

Learn to use the gear you have and you'll up the odds of success.

In fact, the "all the gear and no idea" school of thought is universally snickered at by experienced hunters.

That's not to say that many new gadgets aren't helpful or fun to buy – because they certainly can be. But the best shotgun in the world won't help if you haven't mastered the basics of wing shooting.

We all know hunters who constantly show up to hunt camp with a new rifle, bow or shotgun. Sometimes, it's simply because they like buying new toys – which is fine – but often these things are bought in hopes they will somehow miraculously transform the owner into a better shooter.

The truth is any quality modern rifle, shotgun or bow will shoot, out of the box, better than the operator is capable of. So, if you want to be a better shooter, all you need to do is put in time at the range and get to know the rifle, bow or shotgun you already have.

Add a better sight, such as a scope, if you

think it's needed; certainly find out what shot shells, bullets or arrows are best suited for tool and the hunt. But, above all, use it at the range until you become proficient.

Hunting tactics are the same way. Most successful hunters that I know are, essentially, very good at the basics. They know their quarry; they know how to use the wind in their favour; they know how to sit still. But mostly they know how to place themselves in high-percentage spots and make the most of every opportunity.

One of the finest duck hunters I know is just about the worst caller I have ever heard. So he doesn't call. Instead, he watches the marsh and sets up his decoys where the ducks are. And when he shoots, birds fall. It's nothing fancy, but he comes home with a limit on most days.

It's fun to experiment with new hunting tactics and new toys, but if you want to bring home game more often, it's hard to beat the basics.

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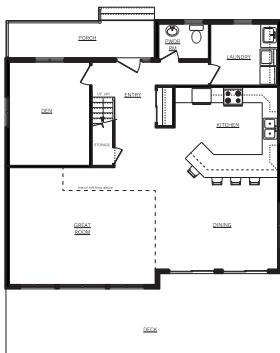
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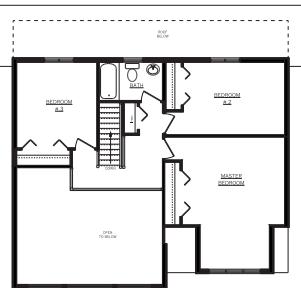
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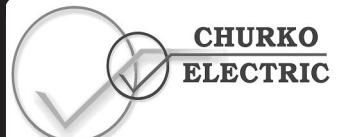
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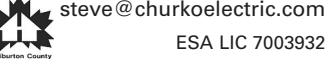
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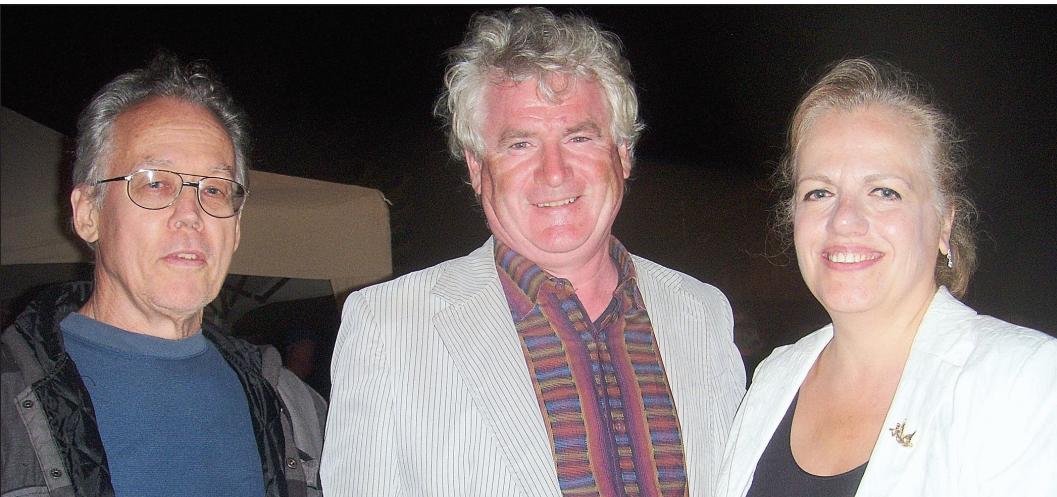


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Mark Rodden, left, stands with John McDermott and Vicki Rodden at McDermott's show at the Forest Festival Aug. 17 at Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve. Photo submitted



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Sketching Workshop

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McDermott concert doesn't disappoint

Review by Mark Rodden

Special to the Echo

John McDermott was scheduled to perform at the Bone Lake Amphitheatre the evening of Friday, Aug. 17 as part of Haliburton's Forest Festival, but because rain was threatening, the venue was changed to the Haliburton Forest's Logging Museum.

This turned out to be a lucky turn of events for both performers (McDermott and his two guitarist accompanists) and the audience, including me and my wife, Vicki.

The Logging Museum was just big enough to accommodate the 350 people who attended.

It's a much more intimate setting than the amphitheatre and allowed McDermott an opportunity to demonstrate the astounding subtlety of his work.

McDermott has the power to project into a great theatre, but in a closer setting he can deliver a performance alternately characterized by power and fine nuance.

At once charismatic and personal, McDermott is so comfortable onstage he gives you the feeling he's just a regular guy who happens to have a great gift he enjoys sharing with us.

His performance was completely devoid of affectations, slickness or egotism.

He dominated the stage with his vocal mastery, but his between-songs banter was both warm and witty and included a couple of jokes delivered with flawless timing.

In 1993, McDermott's recording of the famous ballad *Danny Boy* went double platinum and it was with this song that he finished a satisfying evening.

McDermott stood at the exit to the Museum and shook the hand of every person leaving. There was something special about that.

If McDermott comes our way again, don't miss him. We won't.

Mark and Vicki Rodden host Canoe FM's Candle-light and Beer.

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A spot of tea for the jubilee

Evelyn Johnston, left, and Ethel Marinelli enjoy high tea at Momma G's Teas overlooking Highland Street in Haliburton on Aug. 22. The women are from Highland Woods long-term-care residence and were there with their neighbours and staff marking the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Jenn Watt Staff



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Registration for the School Year 2012-2013



Monday, August 27th, 2012

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LITTLE HAWK



Very sweet 2 bedroom cottage plus 8x12 bunkie with deeded parking spot allowing you to walk to the cottage in 3 minutes. Large double lot facing east. Can't see the public docks due to trees and orientation. Very private. Large deck at one end for entertaining and great docking system. Bunkie is insulated.

\$249,000

KUSHOG LAKE



SOLD

Yr round cottage on 2 lake chain on C. Lake. Large deck or Ox Nar. Full length pergola across front of cottage and full length screened room across guest cabin. Cottage has 3 bdrms and 2 baths plus office area. Guest cabin has one large bedroom to fit a king and a 2 piece bath. Lot extends beyond road.

\$325,000

KUSHOG LAKE



SOLD

3 bedroom 2 bath house - on 2 lake chain. Deep off dock, storage building at water. Perfect for large family. Cottage has just been painted and has a great deck out front. Don't want to see your neighbours? Then this is it!

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MAPLE LAKE



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For sale 2 bedroom 1 bath cottage on 180' of water on a dead end municipal road. All day sun or sit under the maples for shade. 6 feet deep at end of dock. Thermal windows, new deck 2011 and good garage.

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LITTLE HAWK



NEW LISTING

Another of the drive-to cottages - this is a great starter on a fantastic 2 lake chain known for deep clean waters and great fishing. 800 s.f. with 2 bedrooms and a bathroom containing a tub and sink. Large enough for a toilet and lot is large enough for septic. Great opportunity to begin cottage life.

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BIG BOSHKUNG



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CARNARVON



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Reads of the week



Book of the Week

Bride of New France by Suzanne Desrochers

Bride of New France sheds new light on an all but forgotten chapter in the history of Canada. In the late 17th century, groups of impoverished, often orphaned, young women, ironically dubbed the filles du roi, were sent from France to the colonies to become wives of the fur traders and soldiers already settled in the wilderness that was New France. Here we learn the story of one of these women, the fictionalized Laure Beauchemin. Laure always dreamed of using her needlework skills to become a seamstress and marry a nobleman despite her numerous hardships. Growing up in a Paris dormitory surrounded by prostitutes and other forgotten women, she has no doubt had a rough life. However, as Laure soon finds, poverty in Paris is no match for the harsh, uninhabitable conditions of living in New France. If you enjoy historical fiction, then consider reading this distinctly Canadian example. You can reserve *Bride of New France* in print or e-book formats at your library.

Junior Book of the Week — Young Adult Title

The Maze Runner by James Dashner

Thomas wakes in darkness, trapped inside a steel box deep within the earth, and the only thing that he can remember about himself is his first name. Noises erupt

around him, the box is flooded with light, and he is lifted out, only to find himself trapped once more. Thomas, along with about fifty other boys have been placed inside a gigantic and deadly maze. None of the boys can remember anything about their past and try and they might, no one can find a way out. A dystopian novel in the tradition of *The Hunger Games*, James Dashner's *The Maze Runner* is a fast paced, plot driven suspense novel, which is available to reserve in print and e-book formats from Haliburton County Public Library.

Local Celebrity Read

Carol McClellan is a committee member of Those Other Movies (TOM), Haliburton's Film Circuit group. TOM starts its new season on Sept. 13 with *Salmon Fishing In The Yemen*, a movie which is based off of a novel of the same title. An avid movie-goer and reader, McClellan recently finished the book *The Sense of an Ending* by acclaimed British novelist Julian Barnes.

"For the book club in September, I have selected *The Sense of an Ending*," says McClellan. "I love his writing style which is relaxed and easy to absorb on the one hand, and quite sophisticated and detective-like on the other."

The story follows the school days of Tony Webster, a man who is now middle-aged and looking back on his time with his friend Adrian. Tony has had a career and a single marriage, a calm divorce. He's certainly never tried to hurt

anybody. Memory, though, is imperfect and a lawyer's letter is about to prove the blindness of his youth.

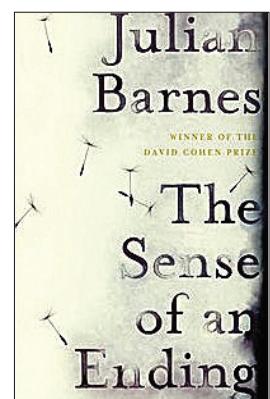
"He deals with the simple subject of looking back on his life, reviewing aspects of it and discovering he may not have had it figured out. Barnes won the Man Booker Prize for this book," McClellan notes. "I gather some of his previous books are as deserving also."

News & Events

Free computer classes will be offered at the Haliburton County Public Library this fall. Starting Sept. 18, these classes will be run bi-weekly on Tuesdays from 12 to 1 p.m. in Minden and Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. in Dysart. Topics that will be covered include computer basics, web searching, Gmail, finding what to read next and social media tool use. Call Amanda at 705-457-2241 to register.

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Cross-country relay challenge

Local rider Owen Flood and Kyle Douglas ride down the hill at Sir Sam's Ski and Bike Area in Eagle Lake Saturday, Aug. 25. They were participating in the four-hour Cross Country Relay Challenge alongside 46 other participants. Douglas, who coaches the Canadian cross-country mountain bike team, was the eventual winner. Photo by Chris Bishop

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Canoe FM's Joan Cameron takes a bow

Jerelyn Craden
Special to the Echo

Joan Cameron, better known as The Story Lady and Host of Canoe FM's Big Band Saturday Night will be saying goodbye to her on-air fans after dedicating 12 years to the volunteer community radio station. A major animal rights and environmental advocate, Cameron will give her final farewell on Saturday night, Sept. 1 at 6 p.m.

"She's one of a kind," Canoe FM vice president and show host, Malcolm Maclean said emphatically. "Replacing Joan will be about as easy as replacing the Mona Lisa. It can't be done."

Cameron's recognizable voice first graced the airwaves in 2003 when Canoe FM became the first licensed radio station in Haliburton.

Three years earlier, Don Cameron (her husband of 57 years) came up with the idea and Dave Sovereign and Jack Hewitt became his co-founders. Several other visionaries agreed to support their dream and took steps to get the station started.

Then came fundraisers: bake sales, dinner dances, auctions and a long struggle to obtain a CRTC license.

"Once the municipality offered us the use of the old hospital building on Mountain Street," Cameron said, "we began building the radio station. Electricians and people who knew how to put up walls volunteered their time. They said, 'We'll help you. I can hammer. I can paint. Just tell us what to do.'"

"Women came with sandwiches and coffee and helped these men get the work done. Dave Sovereign, Jack Hewitt and Don never stopped working seven days a week."

They started with used equipment

"Ray Miller built the first 'disk jockey' board, and used furniture and equipment that was found at other studios

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and refurbished," Cameron said.

Finally, with the additional support from Trillium grants, the station was ready to go.

Canoe FM launched its first broadcast in July 2003, bringing local news, weather and music 24 hours a day to residents and cottagers in Haliburton Highlands for the first time.

"Back then," Cameron said, "we didn't have the support of the business community behind us. Some thought a community radio station was just a plaything for retired seniors. Today, they're our biggest supporters and advertisers."

Cameron's on-air persona

A retired teaching assistant who worked with young and handicapped children in Inner City Schools, Cameron's foray into radio announcing came unexpectedly.

Advertising sales director, Dave Allen brought in the station's first radio commercial and asked Joan to record it. With professional training from Dave Sovereign, who had recently retired from teaching radio in Belleville, Cameron's performance was a hit.

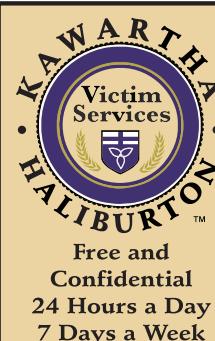
Cameron added: "Then they asked me what else I'd like to do and I said, 'I'll be a story lady.'"

Given a 30-minute morning time slot, her warm, engaging Story Lady brought fairytales and children's stories into Haliburton homes, hospitals and cottages, inspiring a multi-generational fan base. "Seniors have the time to listen," she said, "and often phoned to tell me how much the stories touched them."

The show also touched Carol Dewey, owner of Teddy Time in Haliburton, who became its loyal sponsor.

"More than sponsoring her shows, [The Story Lady and later, Big Band Saturday Night]," Dewey said, "we sponsored Joan, the woman. She's very caring and has always jumped in to help the community. I don't know what we're going to do without her."

From Story Lady to the After Nine morning show, Cameron found the perfect platform to advocate for the environment and animal welfare and to interview local authors and other people of interest.



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Jerelyn Craden Special to the Echo

After 12 years on Canoe FM, Joan Cameron is going off-air. Cameron, also known as The Story Lady, also hosted Big Band Saturday Night.

Her favourite guests included locals Thom Lambert, ornithologist, musician and potter, "who knows everything there is to know about birds," and Mike Rahme, registered home inspector. As for advocating for the environment, Cameron led the charge for Earth Hour in 2008, delivering her Big Band show by flickering oil lanterns encouraging the community to think about climate change.

From her research and shows about animal rights, she feels encouraged "that for every cruelty suffered by our animal friends, whether they be pets or wild, we have many hundreds of kind-hearted people."

She also feels encouraged by the young people from the Ministry of Natural Resources. "They are so bright-eyed and enthusiastic about saving our environment, especially this beautiful country in Haliburton. If anybody can do it, they can."

Hosting Big Band

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Mabel Sawyer leaves audience enthralled

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We are so pleased to acknowledge former Guilford residents, Don and Marj Sisson for their years of volunteering in the two seniors residences. Congratulations are certainly in order!

Thanks also to Janine Burk, a relatively new Guilford resident on Green Lake Road, for her acknowledgement of the Sissons' contribution of support and friendly visiting in an article in the *Haliburton Echo* last week.

Mabel (Sawyer) Brannigan held her audience's attention as she described the life of her grandfather, Ben Sawyer, at the Historical Society meeting at Maple Lake United Church. Mabel and her sister Audrey Swartman provided a bountiful and delicious luncheon for the 30

or so who gathered as Mabel regaled her listeners with many significant and humorous anecdote of Long Ben's active and productive life.

On Thursday, Aug. 23, as you will read elsewhere in this issue, Abbey Gardens opened its arms to welcome visitors and to congratulate the Sir Sandford Fleming students on the completion of their part in the structure of the main building.

Being such a close neighbour to the place has enabled me to take a walk over and observe as the project went on. Always I was impressed that everyone on the job was working well together, that there was happy conversation going on, and yet just generally an air of excitement and enthusiasm.

Of course the gardens themselves are a beauty to behold as well as being a productive asset as was planned from the outset.

The following was intended for two weeks ago:

More of the Zilstra visit to Ecuador:

Marie and David visited the home of Steffy Ramos, the Rotary exchange student who lived with the Zilstras for three months of her year in Canada.

She also stayed for three months with Tracy Hubbert of Kennisis Lake Road. During their time in Ecuador the Zilstras saw the Highlands there, the cities and small villages, the rain forest, the Galapagos, swam with the ocean creatures, walked the base of an active volcano (not active at the time!) and at every turn were welcomed and shared the generous hospitality of the Ramos family.

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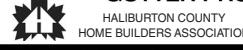
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Jack Gorin Memorial Tournament winners

The winners of the Jack Gorin Memorial Golf Tournament are Brian Murison, left, Cal Finch, Ray Martin and Bruce Martin who stand with Haliburton Legion branch president Carla Watson at the end of the event at the Haliburton Highlands Golf Course on Saturday, Aug. 18. This event is run by the local Legion and featured a hole-in-one prize of \$10,000 sponsored by Haliburton Foodland and Western Financial Group (Network) Inc. Sponsors: Haliburton Foodland, Dawson Insurance, Tim-Br Mart, Molson Breweries, Al and Doreen DeGrave, Beryl Gorin, The Ronnie Fund, Todd's Independent grocery store, Emmerson Lumber, The Beer Store, John and Cheryl Smillie, Bill and Cathy Taylor, Lyle Stamp and Canoe FM (Dave Allen). Submitted by Gary Thorpe

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- DATE:** Wednesday, September 12th, 2012
- TIME:** 11:00 am.
- LOCATION:** Council Chambers at the Municipal Office,
135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-12-020 – Mankin
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit construction of a private garage on a property located in the WR3 zone:
 - A decrease to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a private garage to have a minimum rear lot line setback of 5.4 metres (18 feet) as opposed to the required 7.5 metres (24.61 feet).
 - A decrease to the provisions of Section 3.30(a) to permit a private garage to have a street setback from the centre line of County Road 18 (Kashagawigamog Lake Road) of 14.9 metres (49 feet) as opposed to the required 22.5 metres (73.8 feet).
 - Location: Part Lot 2, Concession 5, in the geographic Township of Dysart (Kashagawigamog Lake – County Road 18 (Kashagawigamog Lake Road).
2. D13-MV-12-021 – Browne
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit the construction of a single family dwelling and a private garage in the Suburban Residential (RS) zone:
 - a decrease to the provisions Section 5.2 to permit a single family dwelling to have a minimum water setback of 16.5 metres (54 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 20 metres (65.7 feet).
 - a decrease to the provisions Section 5.2 to permit a private garage to have a minimum water setback of 15 metres (49.5 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 20 metres (65.7 feet).
 - a decrease to the provisions Section 5.2 to permit a single family dwelling to have a minimum rear lot line setback of 5.4 metres (17.5 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 7.5 metres (24.7 feet).
 - an increase to the provisions Section 5.2 to permit a lot in the “RS” zone to have a maximum lot coverage of 29% as opposed to the permitted maximum of 25%.
 - a decrease to the provisions Section 3.30 to permit a single family dwelling to have a minimum street setback of 13.5 metres (44 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 17.5 metres (57.4 feet).
 - a decrease to the provisions Section 3.30 to permit a private garage to have a minimum street setback of 16.5 metres (55 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 17.5 metres (57.4 feet).
 - Location: Part Lot 7, Concession 8, further described as Lot 3, Plan 138 in the geographic Township of Dysart (Kashagawigamog Lake - Wonderland Road).

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. **A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.**

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

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Left, Jack Bush photographed a hummingbird in flight.



Above, Belinda Gallagher sent in this photo of a spiderweb.



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NOTIFICATION HIGHLAND STREET RECONSTRUCTION

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Travel delays and disruptions on Highland Street can be expected throughout the project. Your patience is appreciated as Haliburton undergoes this transformation to a more beautiful downtown!

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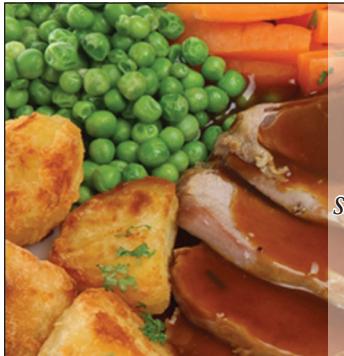


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What's happening in the County



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to the  Haliburton Highlands

Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

Haliburton Village Ghost Walks Every Monday and Wednesday in July and August, 7:00pm Walks start at the Heritage Cafe (Park St. up from United Church) and end at McKeck's. Adults \$10, Children (6-12) \$5.

The Haliburton Highlands Handweavers and Spinners Guild meet at the Zion United Church, Carnarvon on the second Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am. New members welcome. For more information call Pat Maulson at 705-286-6042

Every Friday - August 31: Haliburton Farmers Market located in Carnarvon near the intersection of hwy 118 and hwy 35 The market will be open every Friday from 1 to 5.

Sept 1: Gooderham United Church Yard Sale from 8am-2pm for more information call June at 705-447-2838

Sept 1: Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636 is running a Trunk Sale. It will start at 8:00 am and go to 2:00 pm. Breakfast and BBQ lunch will be available for sale. Parking spaces for your "trunk" are available at \$10 per spot. Please contact the Legion at 705-286-4541 to reserve your space.

Sept 4: Minden & District Horticultural Society's meeting 7 pm at the community centre in Minden, the Haliburton County Master Gardeners will speak on "Garden Design Concepts".

Sept 12: Horse before the cart writers group meets in the Minden library 2-4 on second and 4th Wednesdays Sept-June First topic: Pet anecdotes for more info call 705-489-3661

Sept 15 - Haliburton Concert Series presents trio Triple Forte (violin, cello, and piano) at 7:30 p.m. in the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton village. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$10 for students, and are available from Brenda at 705-457-2695 or brobinson@interhop.net, or from www.MadeinHaliburton.ca. See our web site - www.haliburtoncs.blogspot.com for further information.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be emailed to jennifer.mceathron@sunmedia.ca or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date.

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

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Sunday Horseshoe Tournament -
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Pancake and Sausage Breakfast - Sunday, Sept. 2, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. of the long weekend.

Man fined \$1,000 in hunting charge

A South Algonquin man has been fined \$1,000 for illegally possessing and transporting a bull moose.

Truman Sovie was found guilty and fined \$500 for each offence of possessing and transporting wildlife unlawfully killed. He also

received a one year hunting licence suspension and was placed on probation for one year, during which time he is prohibited from associating with anyone other than First Nations members during the hunting, retrieval or transport of game wildlife.

The court heard that on Oct. 19, 2011, a Bancroft District conservation officer received information of an alleged poached bull moose located at a hunt camp south of the town of Whitney. Officers attended the camp, where a hunter admitted he has illegally shot a bull moose earlier in the day. The hunting party then advised officers that they contacted another group of hunters from Whitney who did have a bull moose validation tag for the area in which they were hunting.

Further investigation revealed that Sovie, and three other men attended the hunt camp to claim the moose under Sovie's Aboriginal status. Sovie and the three men loaded the moose and transported it back to his residence in Whitney. The moose was then skinned and quartered.

Justice of the Peace Nancy Mitchell heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Killaloe, on Aug. 16.

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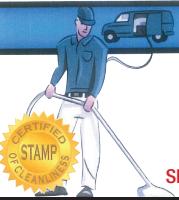
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Deaths



HICKS, Don - In Loving Memory of Don Hicks who passed away peacefully at home on Monday, August 20, 2012 with his family at his side. At the age of 83. Beloved husband of Lorna for 54 years. Dear father of Beth, Lynn (Mike), Deborah (George), Jim (Linda), Jane (Steve), Ian (Tracie). Loving grandpa to Amanda, Nigel, Erica, Jennifer, Melissa, Rachel, Nathan, Mitch, Sabrina, Emily, Luke, Clare, Christopher (deceased) and great grandfather of Thomas, Farrah, Benjamin, William, Brycen, Alexander and Holley. Dear brother of Redge (Doreen), Chuck (Toots), Helen (Alvin-deceased), Maurice (Liz-deceased), Lester (deceased) (Donna), Harold (deceased). Fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, family and friends. A Private Family Graveside Service and Interment was held at the Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery on Wednesday, August 22, 2012. Friends and family are invited to a Celebration of Don's Life at the Ingoldsby United Church on Saturday, September 8, 2012 from 12:00 pm until the time of the Service at 1:00 pm. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation Palliative Care Unit (HHHSF) would be appreciated and can be arranged locally through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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Deaths

Deaths

AUGUSTEIJN, Eleanor 'Dixie'

Peacefully at Headwaters Health Care Centre, Orangeville, on Sunday, August 19, 2012, Eleanor 'Dixie' Augusteijn (née Dixon), formerly of Haliburton and Caledon East, in her 102nd year, beloved wife of the late Jan Augusteijn. Loving mother of Elizabeth and her husband Chris Parkinson. Cherished grandmother of Emma, Sarah and Laura. Dear great-grandmother of Jessica, Jake and Tristan. She will be missed by many nieces, nephews and friends.

A private family funeral service was held in the chapel at Egan Funeral Home Baxter & Giles Chapel, 273 Broadway, Orangeville (519-941-2630) on Wednesday morning, August 22 at 11 o'clock. If desired, memorial donations may be made to The Stephen Lewis Foundation, 501 – 260 Spadina Avenue, Toronto M5T 2E4 (www.stephenlewisfoundation.org), The Nature Conservancy Canada, 400 – 36 Eglinton Avenue W., Toronto M4R 1A1 (www.natureconservancy.ca), The Salvation Army, 2 Overlea Blvd., Toronto M4H 1P4 (www.salvationarmy.ca). Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com



Deaths



HOLLANDS (Phillips), Joyce Elizabeth - July 14, 1924. Joyce - a small town girl from Yale, Michigan and U.S. Navy Veteran passed away on August 17, 2012 in Vancouver, B. C. Predeceased by husband Frank (Bud). Left with rich memories of their creative Mom are sons Brian (Joanne), Mark (Carol) and daughter Susan (David) plus Grandchildren, Jennifer, Jarret, Amy, Kate, Kyle and Katlyn and Great Grandchildren, A.J., Taylor Anne and Kaydence. Joyce loved to sing, play piano and paint. "Thank you Mom for passing on these gifts to your family." A celebration of Joyce's life will take place in her beloved Haliburton, Ontario, in the fall.

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Deaths

RIVERS, Rhonda Yvonne - Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Sunday, August 19, 2012 surrounded by her loving family. At the age of 62. Dear daughter of Ruby and the late Mervin Gilbert. Beloved wife of Mervyn Rivers of Haliburton. Loving mother of Wayne Rivers, Pamela Rivers (Neil Cope), and Michelle Cooper (Rob Wallis). Loving nan of Kevin, Craig and Randi Cooper and great nan of Addalyn Cooper English. Dear sister of Brynell Gilbert (deceased), Bryce Gilbert (deceased) (Valorie), Brad Gilbert (deceased), Daryl Gilbert (Lynn). Lovingly remembered by her aunt Ruth Wruth (the late Murray) and also by her many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Friends are invited to join the family at the Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery for a Graveside Committal Service and Interment on Thursday, August 23, 2012 at 11:00 am. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation "Palliative Care Suites" would be appreciated and can be arranged through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME Ltd.**, P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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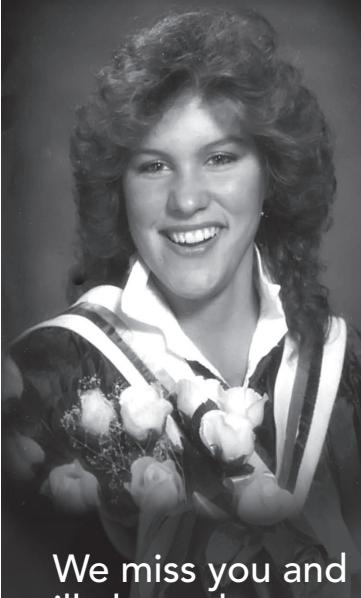
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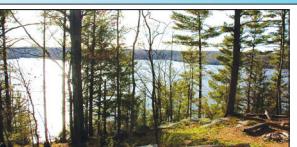
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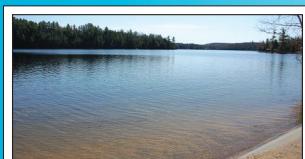
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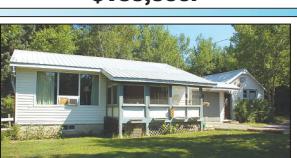
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